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Butler Centennial, 1941—

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President's Greeting

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 16, 1941

Dear Mr. Bercaw:

My hearty congratulations on the completion of Butler's first century. I trust the community will enjoy happiness and prosperity through all the decades that lie ahead.

Very sincerely yours,

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Mr. L. W. Bercaw,
President,
Chamber of Commerce,
Butler, Indiana.

Dedication

TO THE MEMORY OF CHARLES NORRIS

whose endeavors a century ago were a benediction and a bequest, and in tribute to the

PIONEERS

Whose courage contributed the genesis for the creation of the

CITY OF BUTLER

and in appreciation of the

LOYAL CITIZENS

who are carrying on the traditions of the past by their zealous efforts in the development of the potential resources of the city so that it may become an even brighter star in the constellation of the state's glory, this souvenir program and historical handbook is respectfully dedicated.

Charles Norris' grave marker located one mile northeast of Butler.

Butler a Century Ago

By J. WM. BARBER

A LITTLE OVER one hundred years ago, in 1836, early pioneers began their migration into this section of Indiana, once occupied by the war-like Shawnee, Potawatomi and Miami Indians. This land was wrested from the English during the Revolutionary war by the great patriot George Rogers Clark of Virginia, by the capture of Fort Sackville, at Vincennes, February 25, 1779. This territory of which Indiana was a part was organized and called the Northwest Territory. The Ordinance of 1787 set forth that this territory was to be divided into states. In 1800 the Territory of Indiana was organized and Vincennes was designated as the Territorial capital. In 1816 Indiana was organized as a state with Johnathan Jennings as first Governor, and Corydon as the first capital, which was moved to Indianapolis in 1825. DeKalb County was organized in 1837 and township lines established.

It must be remembered that at this time the country through here was an almost unbroken wilderness of massive oak, maple, hickory, beech and elm trees with other varieties in less abundance, of such luxuriant growth that in the summer when their foliage was spread the sun never shown on the ground beneath. This forest was interspersed with swamps of stagnant water which were a constant source of malaria as well as of reptiles and winged insects. Wolves, foxes, wildcats and panthers roamed through its depths to plague the few human inhabitants by day, and terrify them with their hideous cries at night. An occasional bear, deer and elk was seen; the streams were populous with beaver, and racoon; porcupine, mink and weasels were in abundance. Wild turkeys and wild ducks which were very plentiful in the early days were the species of wild fowl used chiefly as food by the settlers, while more than 250 varieties of birds which have since been catalogued in the county were mostly all here to offer their songs to the trained and mayhap appreciative ear of the settler, or themselves to his need of sustenance.

Early emigrants to this section of the county, who came largely from middle and eastern Ohio and Pennsylvania were compelled to follow trails originally blazed by the Indians, sometimes being compelled to cut their way through dense growth and tangled underbrush with their own axes. Roads worthy of the name were almost unknown, and travel from house to house and between communities after they were established was by foot or on horse back. The difficulty of progressing a couple of hundred miles or more over such a path, the fording of rivers and streams with a yoke of oxen hitched to some kind of a covered wagon, and the constant jouncing and jolting to which the occupants were subjected can only faintly be comprehended by those whose traveling experience does not extend beyond the resilience of a pneumatic tire. Roadbuilding was the first public enterprise undertaken by the newly arrived inhabitants, the County Commissioners laying out the Fort Wayne and Coldwater road as early as 1837.

At the time the county was organized, Indians in large numbers had practically disappeared from this section, and did not constitute a hazard with which the early settler had to deal. A few wandering individuals of this race did occasionally appear at the dwellings of some of the people and did cause some fear and annoyance, but withal they were peaceable in their movements and came mostly, if not to steal, to barter for provisions, salt being the article they seemed mostly to desire. A tale is told of Indians wanting to buy one of our late well known old citizens, a baby at the time, offering in exchange for the infant four bushels of cranberries.

Another tale is told of some meat being stolen from a settler a few miles from here. Indians were suspected and correctly so, the actions of the guilty Indian betraying him. The settler expostulated with several members of the band regarding this thievery and finally told them that if he ever had any more trouble with them he would shoot the offenders; and he further told them that if he ever caused them any difficulty or molested them in any way, that they should shoot him. This proposition seemed to appeal to the Indians as a just and reasonable basis for their further relations, and it is said the settler had no further trouble with the Indians.

The honor of at least some of the members of this race when dealt honestly with by the white man has been extolled somewhat by the school books and by legend. His

Reproduction of an old daguerreotype taken in the early summer of 1858. This picture was taken at the intersection of section line roads (Main and Broadway Streets) looking toward the north. These boys were from Butler and vicinity, and ranged from 18 to 24 years of age. This covered wagon party was starting for the West to dig gold. The white building in the background is now Dr. Hathaway's office.

sagacity apparently should be deserving of as much praise as is evidenced by the story of the Indian who said: "If white man cheat Indian once—shame on white man. If white man cheat Indian twice—shame on Indian."

Illustrating the hardships which were the lot of the early pioneers, one of our townsmen relates the story that in the 1840's his grandfather had gone to a somewhat distant trading post to secure provisions. During his absence his wife took the children and called on one of the neighbors. She knew that eatables at home were almost non-existant and on the way back besought Divine Providence to in some way come to their assistance until the husband should return. Upon approaching a small water hole it was observed a wild duck had alighted thereon, from which it was unable to arise. This fowl was secured and furnished food until the return of the husband some time later.

An account of the perilous existance of a pioneer's life within two miles of Butler 100 years ago is told by a citizen who states that his grandfather had left his home to do some work in Packertown a settlement in the west end of Butler. At some time during the day a black bear coming in the direction of the house was noticed by the children. The doors of the house were only quilts hung at the openings, so to protect herself and the children the mother seized a gun and all betook themselves to the roof of the cabin where they remained the balance of the day, she not wishing to fire at the bear unless it attempted to ascend the house. This marauder in the meantime occupied his leisure by going to the pig pen and purloining a pig whose squeals voiced its objection to being an item on the bear's bill-of-fare. The husband returning home at twilight, from a distance observed the unusual appearance of his dwelling with people on its roof, and fearing that his family had been killed by Indians, and not wishing to be another victim himself, remained away from the house over night, the mother and children staying till morning on their point of refuge from the bear.

To a country such as this came our forefathers and settled in this vicinity, enduring such perils and hardships as illustrated by the foregoing narration, and by their courage, perseverance and hardihood, and that of their sons and daughters, transforming the primeval forest to a productive and tolerable habitation, which has evolved into the pleasant and developed land we now enjoy.

Before the year 1836 there were between 17 and 20 families residing mostly in the south half of the county, the influx seeming to come from the south, there having been a trading post, originally called the Miami Village, at Fort Wayne since the Revolutionary days. The records extant show that George Egnew, Peter Latimer, John Nelson and others in 1836 during the Presidential administration of Andrew Jackson, entered the land from the government on which Butler is now standing; that a man named Byron Bunnell erected the first log house in the township, a Mr. Lonsberry the second and Geo. Egnew the third. Prior to this however, in 1833 John Houlton, the first white settler to brave the wilds of DeKalb County had settled on the bank of Fish Creek. The first settler of Wilmington Township organized September 5, 1837 was

undoubtedly Ira Allen who pitched a cloth tent on the east side of the township to afford a shelter to himself and family until he could build a log house. Other settlers who came in this year were families by the name of Coe, Means, Handy, Coats, Lonsberry and others whose names are not known. At the close of 1837 twenty-two families were residing in the township. In this year also a man named Washington Robinson, a Justice of the Peace who owned the land on which Newville now stands, had the town surveyed and platted, and this was the first real town in the county. In 1836-37 settlers were congregating about the site of Auburn, but it was not until 1838 that the first license was issued to a man to open a store and sell goods there, and this and the following year saw a small operation in the selling of lots for building purposes at that place.

Such was the appearance and condition of the county and this immediate vicinity which Charles Norris found when he reached here from eastern Ohio in 1840 and built his log cabin on the north bank of Big Run, a mile north of the present site of Butler. Of the early life of this man, born in Connecticut in 1789, and for whom the little village of Norristown (now Butler) was first named, nothing is known. The millitary records show that he enlisted from the state of Ohio as a soldier in the War of 1812. This is the war that among other well known episodes gave to the nation its national anthem, "The Star Spankled Banner," and Commodore Perry's naval victory on Lake Erie, from which was sent to Gen. Wm. Henry Harrison in command at Fort Meigs just this side of Toledo on the Maumee river, the famous and immortal message: "We've met the enemy and they are our's." It is thought that during his military experience Mr. Norris became acquainted with this section of Indiana to which he subsecquently came. About 1842 he dealt his farm on Big Run for the eighty acres of land extending from the intersection of Broadway and Main streets, west 160 rods, and south 80 rods, it being approximately the tract of land on which most of the south west quarter of Butler now stands. He immediately moved upon this land, erecting on the west side of Broadway midway between Main and Oak streets on the ground now occupied by the Chas. Capp brick building, a log structure in which he in partnership with his son-in-law Amasa Smith, conducted a general store. He also built a log house in which he lived back of his store on the south part of the ground now occupied by the Maxton Garage, and cleared for the erection of this garage in 1914. Mr. Norris platted a part of this tract of land into lots which he sold for building purposes, and laid out some streets and alleys. This is now called the Norris addition. In 1842 he and men named Egnew, Hanes, Tomlinson and Cherry erected a school house of logs on the land of George Egnew, on the north side of Main street about opposite the present M. E. Church, and this log cabin stood there until the ground was this is claimed to be the first built in Butler, probably antedating Mr. Norris' house and store. That the little village which grew up around the junction of Main and Broadway was given the name of Norristown is a testimonial to the enterprise of this early pioneer. He died in 1865 on a farm he owned just west of Butler, and was buried in the family cemetery which he reserved on his original farm one mile north of town.

In 1844 the settlers in this vicinity had their post office two miles south of Butler near Oak Hill. This office was kept by one Thos. Fosdick. At what exact time the post office was moved to town is not known, such records as exist not being clear on this point. It is known however, that Dr. W. H. Madden a pioneer physician, who in the course of his life here was a Justice of the Peace, a township trustee, and was elected to two terms in the state legislature, was appointed the first postmaster of Butler in 1853.

The first frame structure to be erected in Butler is said to have been in the year 1855, on the southwest corner of Main and Broadway, the site now occupied by the Kroger store.

About the time Norristown was springing into existence a few families had settled in the west end of town between what is known as the Basket Factory road and the first street east of this running north and south. It is said there was a store there, and this settlement was called Packertown, taking its name from one of the settlers. It gradually became a part of Butler as the town grew in that direction.

Butler has had three names during its existence. In the course of some years Norristown began to be called Jarvis. For what reason the village assumed this appellation, will probably always be shrouded in mystery. After the completion of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railroad (now the N. Y. C.) west from Toledo through here, May 26, 1856 it began to be called Butler, but from old records and letters it is learned that it was concurrently called by all three names as late as 1862.

The growth of the early community was continuous and by 1845 some of the names that were common in the village and township: were: Armstrong, Allen, Babcock, Blair, Bunnell, Cherry, Crooks, Dickinson, Eakright, Egnew, Fosdick, Gunsenhouser, Helwig, Hanes, Hackley, Handy, Imhoff, Kester, Lonsberry Maxwell McCurdy, Meese, Means, Nimmons, Norris, Nelson, Packer, Ruthledge, Roberts, Robe, Sawyer, Smith, Treman, Tomlinson, Totten, Wanemaker, Widney, Woods, Welch and Weeks. The first white child

born in Butler was Henry C. Cherry in 1841, and the first marriage that of Amasa Smith to Isabell Norris, in April 1842, and the first death that of A. Robe in 1848.

The Roberts family above mentioned was that of Collins Roberts who entered his farm from the Government probably in the late 1830's. His son William Clark Roberts who owned a farm six miles southwest of Butler at his death in 1898, was an early merchant and Notary of Newville. In his early life he was a school teacher and surveyor, laying out many of the roads in Wilmington Township, one of which it is said is the present State Highway No. 1 running through Butler. His son, Mr. Preston Roberts, and Mr. Simon Nichols, and Mr. H. V. McCullough relatives of the family, and farmers of this vicinity can with a measure of pride trace their lineage to General George Rogers Clark, the Revolutionary soldier who as stated at the beginning of this history, conquered the British at Vincennes, and won the Northwest Territory of which Indiana was a part for the U. S.

The year 1851 saw another store being conducted in the village by men named Ladd Thomas and Osburn Coburn. In the winter of 1853-54 men named Danforth and Carpenter erected the first sawmill. In 1855 Danforth and Egnew laid out plats in addition to those laid out by Norris and at this time the little village boasted of a dozen stores. A DeKalb County History states that in 1856 Henry Lindorfer, who operated a brick yard built the first brick building in Norristown. Other authorities claim that the first brick building was the one now standing on the northeast corner of Broadwway and Oak which was built in 1863 by John Isherwood, a pioneer merchant who had previously conducted a store on the northeast corner of Broadway and Main. It is known that Henry Lindorfer had the contract to build this building for Mr. Isherwood. In 1856 Norristown had a population of 40 inhabitants. The first tavern was kept by John Shull, and the Waverly House, a hostelry was opened by A. A. Kennedy July 4, 1857.

About this time a man named Achileas Blaker, it is thought built and operated on the east side of Broadway, a little north of the foot of Railroad street, a hotel called the Butler House, which in later years was owned and run by Dan McNabb. Some authorities state that Mr. Blaker bought this property from one John Rose. The building was removed from this site possibly about 1905.

With the completion of the L. S. & M. S. railroad in 1856 the town began to move forward with vigor. During the next twenty years the names of some of the men engaged in various lines of endeavor are as follows: in the first block on North Broadway David Blaker was engaged in blacksmithing, as were the Moore Bros. one block east; Joseph and Philip Oberlin were running a tannery two blocks down on East Main, where a little further down a Mr. Jadwin ran a cooper shop. Right next to the tannery James Revett was making and repairing shoes, and over near the school house Henry Lindorfer ran his brick yard, and Conrad Gehring was making potash. A buggy factory had been set in operation by a Mr. Plowe in the first block on East Main, and another by Messrs. Burgett and Freeburn in the second block east. The Otis Bros. were making furniture in the first block on West Main, and on the northwest corner of this street and Broadway, the Sheldon Bros. both doctors, were running a drug store and kept the post office in the old long frame building (pictured elsewhere in this book) in which in later years Milo Husselman ran a saloon. A stave mill was being operated in the west end of town in the vicinity of the present Butler Milling Co. by a family by the name of Taft; a saw mill where the Butler Company stands, and in the east end of town the Bowman family was engaged in running a saw mill. In 1868 George Hensler came to Butler and built the next building north of the Isherwood building previously mentioned, in which he ran a hardware. This was the second brick building built in Butler. About 1873 a man named George Boots who later became associated with the Knisely Bros. in the Banking business came to Butler and after running a restaurant in the N. Y. C. depot, it is thought built the hotel which he conducted just east of the depot which was known as the Aldrich House. This building was destroyed by fire in 1914. About this time also a man named Weamer ran a hotel one block north of the depot in what was known as the old canning factory building. This building was torn down many years ago.

In 1855 the log school house built by Norris and others was supplanated by a frame structure erected on East Main street on the lot now owned by Richard Schimpf. This building which has been worked over somewhat still stands as a barn on this lot. Subsequent history of the progress of the schools will be found under that heading elsewhere in this book.

While Butler was still called Norristown, possibly in the late 1850's the Eel River R. R. Co. began a survey to this point from Logansport. A delay of many years ensued and the road was not completed till 1873. About 1880 the Wabash Co. leased the Eel River branch and extended the line into Detroit. It was about this time the Wabash established their division point here, and this marked the only real boom Butler has ever had. Many railroad families moved here and it is estimated the company's pay roll was $100,000 monthly. As a consequence many dwellings and other buildings were erected to accommodate the increased business. A. J. Mason and Son were in the lumber business at that time and furnished practically all of the building material for this expansion. During this epoch the population increased to around 2,800 inhabitants.

It was during this time and perhaps a little earlier that some of our well known business men became established and built their trade into that which served and was contemporaneous with the older and middle aged people now residing here.

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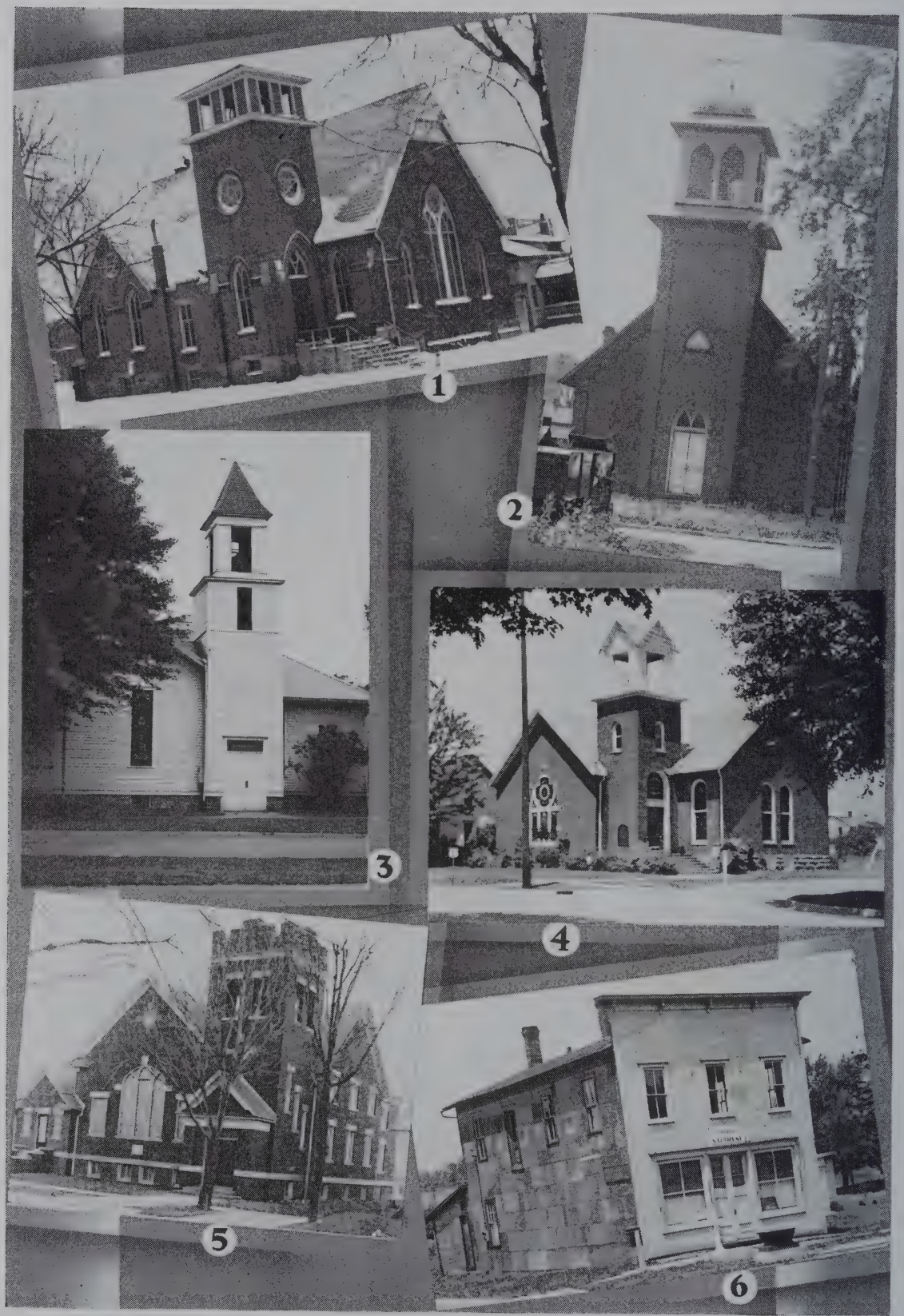

(1) Methodist Church; (2) Church of God; (3) Church of Christ; (4) Lutheran Church; (5) United Brethren Church; (6) Church of the Nazarene.

The Growth of Churches

By MRS. AILEEN K. OSBORNE

"I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go into the House of the Lord.' "—Ps. 122:1.

THE FIRST SETTLERS of DeKalb county were quite destitute of religious privileges but they realized their dependence on Divine Guidance and eagerly welcomed the opportunity to meet in worship.

Benjamin Alton of the Disciples Church preached the first sermon in the county in the fall of 1836. The Rev. Coleman and Warner were the first circuit preachers, they were of the Methodist Church and came in 1838.

The Church now known as the Methodist Episcopal Church of Butler was organized as the Methodist Episcopal Society in 1839 at "the corners" before any town was started. Four years later the society commenced holding its meetings one mile north of the present site of Butler, at the home of John McCurdy (now the Wanamaker farm). After eighteen months another removal was made to the school house (first log school house) at "the corners". The frame church (on the corner of Pearl and Washington streets) was built in 1855-56 at a cost of $1,000.00. The first pastor was Rev. Jesse Sparks. The present brick church was built in 1889. The parsonage was constructed during the pastorate of Rev. Frech, who served 1898-1903. Rev. G. F. Hubbard is the present pastor.

The Big Run U. B. Church was organized in the spring of 1843 by Rev. Jonathon Thomas. They organized in the home of Jacob Gunsenhouser and worshipped there for about five years, afterwards using the old log school house on Mr. Gunsenhouser's farm. The present church building was started in 1861 and completed during the war. Services were held alternate Sundays by Rev. James Martin. Rev. Schuler is the present pastor.

The Lutheran Church known as Wittenberg on section 28 of Troy township near Artic was organized by Rev. James Cather in 1843 in the home of John A. Zimmerman. It flourished for many years, but by death and removal it has become a small congregation.

The Mt. Pleasant U. B. Church was organized in the Abraham Eakright home Section 20 of Wilmington township by Rev. Benton and wife, both ministers, where services were held for six years, later moving to an old log school house. The Mt. Pleasant Chapel was erected in 1870.

St. Marks Evangelical Lutheran Church in Butler was organized in 1864 by the Rev. J. W. Henderson. The cornerstone for the first church building was laid September 8, 1866 at the site of the present building, the Rev. R. F. Delo of Elkhart, Indiana presiding. The present church building was erected in 1901. Rev. Frank Stevenson is now serving his third year as pastor of the church.

The Church of Christ was organized by John Ailsworth in the Lutheran Church March 1, 1870. Rev. James Harris was the first pastor. Under the leadership of Rev. Thomas Sutton the lot on which the church now stands was purchased, the church was erected and dedicated on February 7, 1875. Rev. Nice is the present pastor.

Jerusalem U. B. Church was organized at Jerusalem school house section 24 of Franklin township in March 1882 by Rev. Alonzo Gaff. Rev. Schuler is the present pastor.

The United Brethren Church of Butler was organized in January 1884. The frame church building was erected in the Fall of 1883 and dedicated in 1883. Rev. Joseph served as the first pastor. In 1917 the church was rebuilt and is a modern brick edifice.

The Church of God was first organized three miles west of town. The present church in town was built about 1886.

Several years ago a Mission Church was established in a store building opposite the Butler Co. Rev. James Payton is the leader. In the past year the church has become affiliated with the Nazarene Church.

SOLDIERS' MONUMENT
at the Butler Cemetery

Early Butler school building torn down in 1905 to be replaced by the present school building.

The Progress of Education

By J. P. PRICE

DURING THE TIME that Horace Mann was doing his work in remodelling the school systems of Massachusetts and establishing a system which later spread to all the states and became the common school system of America and before the State of Indiana had elected a State Superintendent of Public Instruction or provided for a township trustee to look after the schools, a few interested men by the names of Egnew, Hanes, Cherry, Morris, and Tomlinson realizing the need of a school in each community constructed a log house on the land of George Egnew, just across the street north of the present Methodist Church. This schoolhouse was the first building in what later became Butler and served as a school building until 1855 when the need for a larger one arose. This second building was a frame structure erected on what became the Samuel Miller property just east of the present Library. Some of the early teachers were John A. Campbell, Hamlin Fay, a Mrs. Wood and a Mrs. Butler. In those days much emphasis was placed upon Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic. It was customary to hold Spelling Bees and to give many programs of different kinds, mostly declamatory in nature, for the entertainment of the parents and to display the work of the school.

The following is a copy of the Program given by the students and teachers in this second school for the benefit of the soldiers home on furloughs from the Civil War.

Butler School
EXHIBITION
under the direction of
G. H. Bombaugh, Esq.,
Thursday and Friday Evenings
February 19th and 20th, 1863
at the M. E. Church.

MANAGERS

Rev. J. McCurdy, J. Lewis, Geo. Egnew, A. Richardson.

PROGRAMME FOR FIRST EVENING

Music—Player—Music
Education ..... C. F. Mosier
The Soldiers Return ..... Emma Jones
Declamations ..... By Small Children
Dialogue ..... J. Moore and J. D. McGaw

MUSIC

Live for the True Object of Life, J. A. Campbell
Dialogue ..... Clara Hubbell and Others
Charade (Guess It) .. ..
..... Miss Mattie McGaw and Miss M. Fisher, W. W. Straight and W. D. Dunn
Declamation ..... By Small Children
Peace and War ..... Miss Hattie Maze

MUSIC

Dialogue (Rival Orators) .....
..... D. Worth and P. S. Thomas
Declamation ..... G. B. Cadwell
My Mother's Grave .....
..... Mrs. Hattie Egnew, Messrs. Straighten, Fisher, Showalter, Bombaugh
Double Ghost ..... Thomas, Worth, Jefferd, and Misses Hubbell, McGaw, and Olds
Declammations ..... By Small Children

Parody ..... I. N. Fisher, W. Tomlinson, W. W. Straight, Worth J. Fisher
William Tell (Tragedy) .....
....Miss Alice Hubbell, Officers and Guards.

MUSIC

Early Rising (Comic) ..... P. S. Thomas
Declamation ..... T. Jones
Address to Fire Company ..... D. L. Worth
Lost Maiden (Tragedy) .....
.. Messrs. Straight, Fisher, and Miss McGraw
The Sunset of Battle ..... Miss Brandon
Tableau ..... Washington's Dream
Cuffey's Thanks to Audience

THE WHOLE TO CONCLUDE WITH A BATTLE SCENE, BEAUTIFULLY ILLUMINATED WITH COLORED LIGHTS

ADMISSION 10 Cents

Tickets for Sale at Sheldon's, Isherwood's, Deuell's, Steifle's, and Hatch's Stores in Butler Village.

As the years came and went, this frame building became inadequate to meet the needs of the growing community and a larger site was secured and plans made for the erection of a larger and more permanent building. The site chosen was that of the present school. It was in 1867 that work started on a three-story brick building. Many are the stories that are told of the incidents that took place during its construction, one of which seems to be that a certain Mr. Gabriel Miller, a carpenter or brick mason who was working on the building, lost a pair of boots during the time he was working. It appears that the workmen wore boots while at work and then when they went home for meals they would remove their boots and put on their shoes. One day when Mr. Miller returned from his lunch his boots were nowhere to be found. He searched everywhere and of course accused each workman of hiding them. No one seems to have known where the boots were or at least no one wished to tell. It was necessary for Mr. Miller to purchase a new pair. For years no one told the whereabouts of the boots, and after almost forty years when it was necessary to raze this structure to make room for the present grade building, strange as it may seem a pair of boots was found in the brick wall of the old building. These must have been the boots of Mr. Miller, but unfortunately he was not here to claim them for he had passed away just two years before.

Mr. Ghreier Bowersox of Willaims County, Ohio was the first principal in this second building. He served two years and was followed by Mr. W. H. McIntosh who served until elected County Superintendent in 1871. Other principals were men by the names of Luke, Rousch, Fyke, and Saunders.

One of the earliest school reports is that of Superintendent Edward M. Teeple. A few extracts from it will prove interesting. They are for the school-year of 1887-1888.

Organization

"The schools are arranged in three departments. viz: Primary, Grammar and High School. Each department has four years of work, the completion of the course requiring twelve years of study and investigation.

Course of Study

The course of study has been thoroughly revised and suited to the present needs of the school. The course pursues four lines of study and investigation:

1. Mathematical Science including Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, and Trigonometry.

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New gymnasium erected in 1936.

The Government of Butler

By C. C. COOK

THE FIRST SETTLEMENT of what is now Butler was made in about 1841 and was called Norristown. This settlement was governed by the Wilmington township trustees up to the time of incorporation.

Among these trustees were John Helwig, M. L. Pierson, C. Roberts, Joseph Nodine, Joseph Totem, Aza Sawyer, Thomas Fosdick, E. W. Fosdick, Edgar Treman, Wm. Maxwell, Nelson Smurr, Wm. H. Thomas, Dr. W. H. Madden, G. Maxwell, P. B. Nimmons and others whose names we do not have. The family names of the foregoing trustees are still found among residents of this community.

In 1866 shortly after the Civil War the settlement of Norristown was incorporated as Butler. As to why it was named Butler is unknown.

The first officers of the town of Butler were the Town Trustees, W. P. Carpenter, J. A. Campbell, Elihu Walker; The clerk, A. A. Howard; the first town Marshall, Wm. Thomas.

The main duties of the officials at the time and for a number of years following were the construction of new streets, drainage and the ever present duty of law and order in a growing town.

By the year of 1892 it was decided to build a town hall. The town trustees at that time were Thomas Rudd, L. J. Diehl, Ira Kinney and S. B. McLain. Frank H. Stewart was town clerk and Geo. W. Geddes was treasurer. Isaac Hose was the town Marshal.

The Town Hall has stood for nearly fifty years and up to the building of the new school gym was the community center for many meetings.

The town at this time had grown to nearly 2,500 population and was demanding a sewerage system, paved streets, electric lights and a better water system. A petition was circulated asking for the city form of government and an election was called and the majority were in favor of city government and Butler became a city in 1903.

The first Mayor was Sam G. Stone, who resigned before the end of his term and John Hazelet was made Mayor and Otto Gengnagel after Hazelet's resignation.

In 1906 Wallace Webster was elected Mayor. Frank Brink served as clerk. During Webster's term the present sewerage system was built.

Butler, for the size of the town, has a sewerage system unsurpassed by any in the state.

In 1910 W. J. Mondhank became Mayor and under his administration Main Street and Broadway were paved. This added much to the beauty and development of Butler. Wm. Holtsberg was Marshal at this time and L. C. Harding, A. S. Kester, J. J. Oberlin, Frank Creager and Ora Waterman were councilmen; L. C. Buehrer, clerk.

Dr. A. A. Kramer was mayor from 1914 to 1918. During his term the World War began and many of our boys were called to serve in the army. The councilmen were Geo. Rowe, Ora Waterman, M. M. Knepper and Chas. Hiner; L. C. Buehrer and R. C. Campbell, clerks.

From 1918 to 1922 Geo. L. Rowe was Mayor of Butler. Milt Hiner was Marshall. E. C. Miller, A. U. Vernier, C. W. Mutzfeld, J. A. Kester and Frank Good were councilmen. Clerks were H. R. Hewey, Ross Tomlinson and L. F. Tombow; Treasurer, Chas. W. Campbell.

L. F. Tombow, a World War soldier was elected Mayor in 1921 and served eight years or until 1930. The Marshal during this time was E. W. Mutzfeld. Some of the councilmen were: C. W. Mutzfeld, W. J. Mondhank, Ellis Kissinger, C. C. Cook, Chas. Mumaw, J. A. Kester, Geo. W. Griest and Ed Graff; Clerk, Roscoe Capp and Treasurer, E. E. Frisbie. During this period there was more paving done on East Oak Street, Pearl Street and Walnut Street.

C. C. Cook was elected mayor in 1929 and served during 1930 to 1934. He was the last Mayor of Butler City, as the legislature raised the population requirement to 3,000 and this automatically reverted Butler back to a town government. The depression was on during Cook's administration and so the time was used in assisting the unemployed and in welfare work. Wm. Stuller was the Marshal and the councilmen were: E. L. Noragon, Ed Graff, Carl Oberlin, Dale Higley and Bert Moughler; Clerk, Roscoe Capp; Treasurer, P. D. Hammon.

During the period that Butler was a city Sam Lowe and Daniel Freeburn served as Marshals but we were not certain of the years.

Those who served as night policemen were Tom Revett, John Horner, Wm. Miller and Geo. Weidman.

In 1933 the town elected three trustees and a clerk-treasurer to run the new town government. They were Otis Fisher. Bert Moughler and Claude Tyson for trustees and Roscoe Capp for clerk-treasurer.

Wm. Hathaway was appointed Marshal and Clyde Oberlin night policeman. At Mr. Oberlin's death, Kenneth Young was appointed and is still serving in that capacity.

In the 1939 election Jacob Waltz, Fred Showalter and V. B. Robinett were elected trustees and Ferd Hampel, Clerk, to serve for four years or until 1944. Oliver Bungard is serving at Marshal at the present time.

History of Butler Library

Some progressive individual or organization is responsible for all of the public improvements that are found in our cities today and in Butler it was the Ladies' Culture Club that first realized the need for a Public Library and undertook the task of organizing one. This was in 1905. They secured above what was then the Higley Printing company and invited the people of the city to make contributions of books and magazines to start their library. Miss Lottie Brundage was selected as the first librarian.

This library was kept open but two or three afternoons and evenings a week and was operated at small cost; the necessary funds for the maintenance was secured by special effort of the Board, such as lecture courses, entertainments, and various programs sponsored by a committee. The "Library Board" consisted of approximately twenty members, all giving unselfishly much time and thought to the constructive work which eventually, was to mean so much to the young people of the town and community.

For almost ten years the library struggled on, feeling the urge to bigger and better things but not daring to venture, until one day one of the board members, returning from the laying of the corner-stone of a "Carnegie Library" in the neighboring town of Waterloo, remarked to another member of the board that "what Waterloo had done we also could do and that in another year they could come to Butler to participate in a similar event." That same evening at a library meeting the secretary, Mrs. Kiplinger, asked the board to authorize her to take steps to secure a "Carnegie Library" for the city of Butler. Soon a correspondence with the "Carnegie Corporation" was well under way and matters progressed rapidly. One of the initial steps was to organize the Board under the state laws governing libraries. There must be an official and legally appointed library board. Instead of twenty members this board was to consist of but seven members; three appointed by the Judge of the Circuit Court, two by the City Council and two by the Board of Education. The first official board had as its members, Mrs. S. G. Stone, Mr. Thomas Rudd, Mr. T. J. Knisely, Dr. W. F. Shumaker, Mrs. F. L. Kiplinger, Mrs. Morrison Brunstetter, and Mr. L. H. Higley. At their first meeting, Dr. Shumaker was chosen president. Mrs. F. L. Kiplinger was elected secretary and served thirteen consecutive years.

The new Board then presented their request to the Carnegie Corporation and in a short time their efforts were rewarded by a check for $10,000. It was understood that the city of Butler would raise one-tenth of that amount annually for the maintenance of the new labrary. This sum of money was a little more than Butler was entitled to under the rules of the Carnegie Corporation, owing to the size of the city and the number of people to be served by the library, so it was necessary to enlist the aid of the townships surrounding Butler; Wilmington and Stafford readily promised their help and in a short time Troy and Franklin gave their assistance.

A suitable location was next to be found. Through the influence of Mr. F. L. Kiplinger a gift of $750 was made by Mr. Melvile L. Wilkinson of St. Louis, a former Butler resident. Mr. Wilkinson in making the gift remarked that it was being made in the nahe of himself, wife and daughter and that it was to show his appreciation in Butler as a boy, their first years of married life, the birthplace of their children, and as a memorial to their daughter, Mary Belle. He also stated that they hoped in this way to aid the city and community for years to come thus assisting many in securing knowledge which would better prepare them for this life and for eternity. With this money the present site for the library was purchased.

The Library Board then secured the services of Mr. A. H. Elwood of Elkhart as architect and plans were immediately drawn up for the building. As soon as they were approved by the Carnegie Corporation, bids were received and the general contract was awarded to Mr. J. C. Bontrager of Elkhart.

We would not loverlook the fact that tl e position the library holds in our community is in a large measure due to the most excellent manner in which it has been cared for by capable librarians. Following Miss Brundage, Mr. Thomas Rudd was librarian for two years and then Mrs. Nora Rudd who has served so efficiently the last twenty-two years.

The Butler Carnegie Library

Butler Today

By JAMES CATHER

WE, THE PEOPLE OF BUTLER, are justly proud of our prosperous little city in northeastern Indiana! Butler is located at the very crossroads of America. U. S. road 6 and road 1 cross in Butler which assures excellent trucking facilities for goods manufactured in the city. The town also claims railroad accommodations of three well-known lines—The New York Central, Wabash and Pennsylvania. With such extensive transportation outlets, natural resources can easily be procured for manufacturing. The country surrounding Butler is a prosperous farming community which affords ample food supplies.

Pardonable pride is manifested in the following industries: The Butler Company, (manufacturing water pumps, windmills, and water tanks), Butler Fur Products, The Marshall Clothing Co., The Butler Canning Co., Remark Manufacturing Co., and The United Milk Company. These industries as well as the merchants of Butler are prospering. Any enterprise desirous of locating in the city would find favorable facilities.

As a city Butler has good streets and an adequate and sanitary water supply. The city's electrical power is low in cost and the services are satisfactory. Ample police protection both day and night assures safety. The city government is controlled by a council of three men elected by the people.

Today the Butler Public Schools form an institution of which the citizens of Butler and surrounding community may be justly proud. As has been shown, its history goes back to 1842, when the first school was established in the city. From that day to this, the school has grown until it has become one of the most modern and up-to-date systems in Indiana. The entire school has a highly organized extra-curricular program. In connection with this program the school has a system of play grounds for summer recreation. The school has been given a first class rating by the state and is also a member of the North Central Association. The public school is supplemented by a splendid Carnegie Public Library.

The churches of Butler offer opportunity of worship to people of various faiths. They are providing a program of the highest type of religious activity. The present leadership is efficient, practical, and helpful. The denominations in Butler are: The Church of Christ, The Methodist Episcopal, The United Brethren, The St. Marks Lutheran, Church of God and The Nazarene.

A spirit of friendliness and cooperation is apparent by the number of business organizations, fraternal associations, and clubs in the city. These organizations provide an outlet for adult recreation and worthy use of leisure time to the benefit of the individual and the community. The outstanding civic organizations are: The Butler Chamber of Commerce, Business and Professional Women's Club, The Rotary, and Conservation Club. Fraternal organizations include The Masonic Fraternity, Order of the Eastern Star, The Pythian Sisters, The Rebeccas, The Odd Fellows, The Knights of Pythias, the Phi Delts, and the Charles Foster Blaker Post of the American Legion. The Boy Scout and 4-H clubs offer advantages in the building of character for young Americans. Numerous other men and women's clubs of Butler make up the social interests of the community.

A most enterprising and progressive group of men and women are the business people of Butler. To them much credit is due for their cooperative spirit in serving the public. The business and professional directory list of 1941 is as follows:

Bakery: Bechtol's Pastry Shop.

Banks: Knisely National Bank.

Barbers: Metzler and Anderson, Ellis Kissinger, Wm. Tomlinson.

Beauty Shops: Florence Haddix, Peg Noragon, Grace Walker, DeLores' Shop.

Cleaners: Peerless Cleaners.

Clothing: Miller-Sturgis Co., The Hub.

Dairy Products: United Milk Producing Co., Dairy Bar, Ben F. Grogg.

Doctors. Earl Frisbie, C. B. Hathaway, Charles Weirich, Dr. Wolfe.

Veterinarian: Ora Hiner.

Drugs: Geddes, Ed. Horner.

Elevator: Noragon and Son.

Food Markets: Dickerhoof Market, Harold's Home Store, Kroger Grocery and Baking Co., McCleery Grocery, Oberlin Grocery Co., Underhill's Market, Rex's Corner Grocery, West End Grocery.

Furniture: H. E. Johnson, A. E. Phelps.

Garages: Ed Graf, Maxton Motor Sales, Jenning's Auto Service.

Greenhouse: Tombow Floral Co.

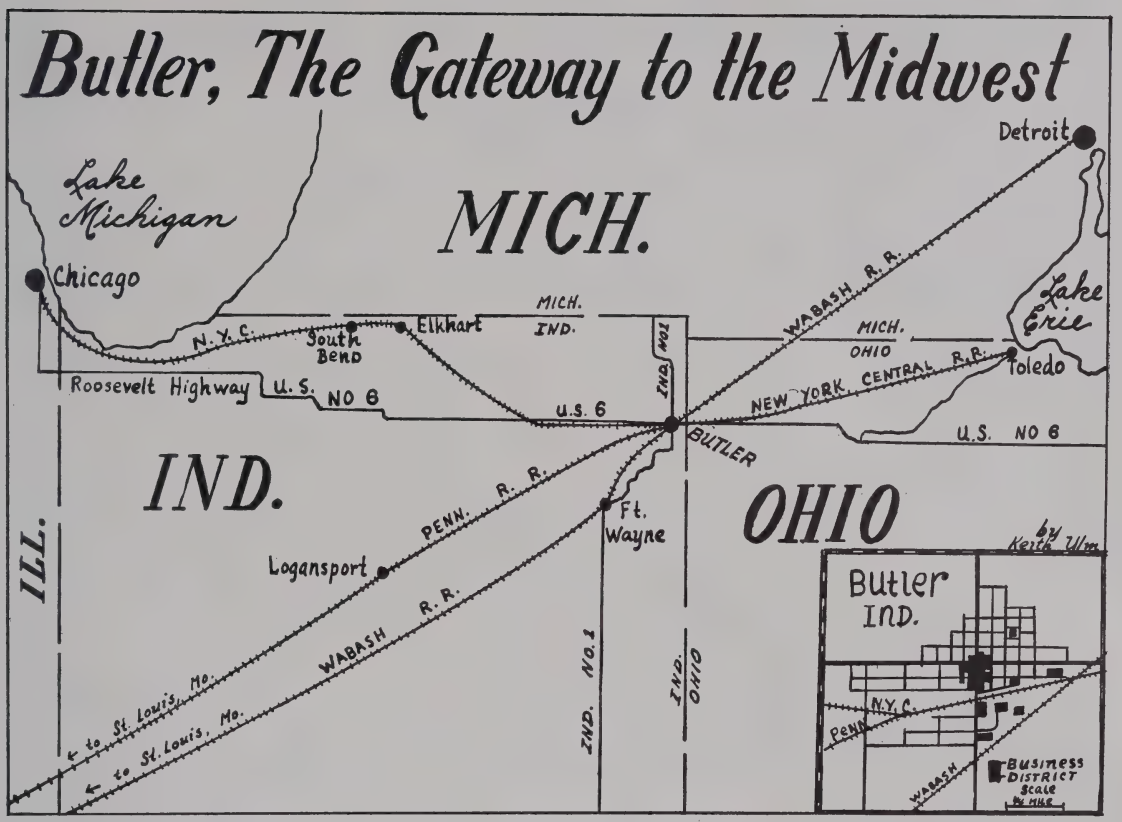
Hatcheries: Butler Hatchery and Produce Co.

Hardware: Mutzfeld and Sons.

Hotel: Hotel Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Andrews, Prop.

Insurance: Roy K. Michael, E. L. Brant, Charles Campbell, Roy Oberlin, Otis Fisher.

Jeweler: James Diehl.



Investment: Butler Investment Corporation.

Lawyers: H. C. Springer, J. A. Angelone.

Live Stock: Brady Bros.

Lumber: Butler Lumber Co.

Manufacturing. Butler Co., Butler Canning Co., Butler Fur Products, Marshall Clothing Mfg. Co., Remark Mfg. Co.

Memorial Homes: Johnson's, Phelps'.

Mills: Butler Milling Co.

Printers: Higley Printing Co., The Record Herald.

Restaurants: Oberlin's, Cobb's Cafe, Dovey's, Harry Whitman's.

Service Stations: John Conkle, Texaco; Virgil Bonecutter, Standard; Donald Campbell, Linco; Mumps and Barney, Mobile; Bercaw Super Service; Laub Bros.; Max Swift, Standard; Pugley's Service Station.

Shoe Shop: Fred Gengrich, Harry Matheny, Earl Haddix.

Signs: Jones Bros.

Soda Shoppe: Trumbull's Soda Shoppe and News Stand.

Studio: Walker's Studio.

Telephone Office: Butler Telephone Co.

Theater: Butler.

Utilities: Indiana & Michigan Electric Co., Fire and Water Works Dept.

Variety: Banbury's 5c to $1.00.

Tractors and Farm Implements: Bercaw Implement Service.

The Bureau of Motor Vehicles: Local Branch Mgr., Roy Oberlin.

In conclusion we might say that if we were a stranger choosing a desirable location for both a business and a home we could scarcely find a more advantageous city in which to live. The citizens of Butler boast some very beautiful homes in a setting of shaded streets and lovely well-kept lawns. Truly, the youth of today could not have a better environment in which to be reared.

The Progress of Education

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II. Physical Science including Physics, Geography, Astronomy.

III. Physiological Science including Botany, Physiology, Anatomy, Hygiene.

IV. Psychological Science including First Thought—Language, Grammar, Reading, Rhetoric, Psychology. Second Thought—Literature, Music, Drawing. Third Will—Morals, History.

I and II make up the division commonly denominated Natural Science.

Foreign Pupils

We invite the attention of foreign pupils to both the prescribed and elective privileges. Your studies may be selected to suit your wishes, and not yourself suited to the course.

Terms of Tuition

Pupils who reside without the corporate limits of the town will be charged tuition as follows:

High School Department (per term of 12 weeks) $5.00
Grammar School Department 4.00
Primary School Department 3.00

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Turning Back the Pages of Time

By LEIGHTON TOMBOW

(Taken from the pages of the Butler Record,Butler Review, The Butler Herald, The Record-Herald: Publishers W. H. Kist; R. H. Weamer; O. H. Downey; L. H. Higley; Ferguson K Wingaugh; A. S. Powers.)

Butler Record — August 21, 1879

W. H. Kist — Publisher

Dave Ocker and Family returned from their visit to Big Rapids on Monday last.

Dr. Barnett is on the sick list.

We learn that Frank, son of Dr. Fanning, fell from an apple tree on Sunday last, and broke his arm.

The M. E. social at H. M. Flowers next Wednesday afternoon. All are cordially invited.

The letters of praise we have been receiving of late, in regard to The Record, gratifies us very much, and we are glad to learn that our efforts are giving good satisfaction in the way of a newspaper, and if all who are now indebted to us will step to the front and pay up, we will make it much better than it is now. All pay up and see the change that will soon follow.

The following report of the Butler Market this morning: Wheat - 93c, Corn - 30c, Oats - 23c, Flax seed - 1.15, Timothy seed - 1.75, Butter - 6c, Eggs - 7c, Apples green - 25c, Dried apples - 3c, Potatoes - 35c, Chicken per doz. - 1.75, Live hogs per hundred - 2.75, Hides green - 6c, Feathers - 40c, Bees wax - 20c, Smoked hams - 8c, Shoulders - 6c, Sides - 6c, Beans per hundered - 1.25, Lard - 4c, Tallow - 6c.

Newville News

Prof. W. C. Baker has been very sick but is slowly mending.

The temperance subject is very low at present in this place. Think it will revive, as some of the old members who broke their pledges are getting sick of it.

George H. Munn is selling school furniture.

Pen Shots from College Corners

Henry and Wesley Showalter are buying all the calves they can get, and shipping them to Illinois.

The first cider was made on the new cider mill here last Saturday. Bring on your apples now if you want good cider.

John Lowe and Sol Sattison threshed out their crops of wheat last week. Mr. Lowe had about 1000 bushels and Mr. Sattison over 500.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Noragon are very happy. They have a pair of twin girl babies to take care of. May they always do as well.

The weather is a little too cold these mornings to make the corn grow. Aug. 18, 1879.

The Butler Record — August 12, 1881

R. H. Weamer — Publisher

TRI-STATE RE-UNION

Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan

The Ex-Soldiers and Sailors of Indiana, Ohio and Michigan will hold a grand Re-union at Butler, DeKalb County, Indiana August 18th and 19th, 1881.

The first term of the thirteenth year of the Butler Graded Schools will open on Monday, August 22, 1881. The circulars and catalogue are now out. The course of study has been changed and the entire school reorganized. All of the Greek has been dropped from the regular High School course, and English literature, Chemistry, Botany, Natural Philosophy, Astronomy and Rhetoric introduced. This is an excellent change. The catalogue is neat, and reflects great credit upon the Trustees and Prof. Hubbell, who prepared the entire new course. We may now confidently expect that our High School will become even a better institution of learning than it has been during the past thirteen years.

The Butler and Auburn Juvenile base ball clubs played a match game at this place last Friday, the Butler boys coming out ahead at the little end.

The Newville base ball nine came over to Butler last Friday and played our second nine a friendly game resulting up in a decided victory for Butler. Up goes our hats, for once we can record a victory for Butler.

Newville Items

Everybody is going to the reunion at Butler, and they will do their best to have a good time.

Adam Chubb has just completed his new brick house. It is first class, with slate roof. Adam is deserving of his substantial house, as he is a hard worker and a very energetic gentleman.

Butler Review — April 6, 1882

R. H. Weamer, Publisher

Advertisers in The Butler Review:

Strauss & Wolff	Thos. Rudd
L. J. Diehl	A. F. Pinchin
Tyson & Son	J. J. Wilkinson, M. D.
C. H. & W. E. Crane	H. Lilly, M. D.
Knisely Bros.	W. P. Carpender, M. D.
C. P. Egnew	G. W. Beechler
Wm. H. Becker	

A Lodge of Knights of Pythias was recently organized at Fort Wayne. There are several

Knights in this place, and we would be glad to see a Lodge organized here.

The farmers are now happy in the thought that they can get around without wading in mud.

Lee Diehl will continue to do business not withstanding the raids of the thieves.

The livery men are preparing for a good summers business.

Our streets were literally crowded Saturday.

Butler Review — April 6, 1882

R. H. Weamer — Publisher

MUSTERED OUT

JESSE JAMES KILLED AT LAST

St. Joseph, Mo., April 3—Between 8 and 9 o'clock this morning Jesse James, the Missouri, outlaw, before whom the deeds of "Fra Diavola" and "Dick Turpin" shrink into insignificence, was killed by a boy 20 years old named Robert Ford, at his temporary residence on Third and Lafayette streets, in this city. In the light of all moral reasoning the shooting was wholly unjustifiable, but the law is vindicated, and the $50,000 reward offered by the State for the body of the brigand, dead or alive will doubtless go to the man who has had courage enough to draw a revolver on the notorious outlaw. When his back was turned as in this case. There is little doubt that the killing was the result of a premeditated plan formed by Robert and Charles Ford several months ago. Charles had been an accomplice of Jesse James' since the 3rd of last November, and entirely possessed his confidence. Robert Ford, his brother joined Jesse James near Mrs. Samuels' house, the mother of the James boys, last Friday, a week ago, and accompanied Jesse and Charles to this city.

The Butler Herald — November 10, 1889

O. H. Downey — Publisher

The Epworth League will hold special song services Sunday evening at 6 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Miss Nora Brown gave a recital at Hamilton last Friday evening to a large audience.

A Western paper says that a doctor in Phil-

GRAND EXCURSION

—TO—

LAKESIDE

BY THE WAY OF

PUT-IN-BAY AND KELLEY'S ISLAND

For the benefit of the

BUTLER M. E. CHURCH

—AND—

BUTLER CORNET BAND

Train will leave BUTLER at 11 o'clock, A. M., on

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29th, 1879

And return Saturday evening.

ROUND TRIP TICKETS WILL BE $3 10

From Butler, and include Supper, Lodging, Breakfast and Dinner at Lakeside Hotel.

A MARVEL OF CHEAPNESS

Everybody ought to turn out and enjoy a trip to one of the most attractive Summer Resort in the West, and at the same time assist us to repair our church and aid the band boys to procure music, etc.

An exact reproduction of an advertisement which appeared in an 1879 edition of the Butler Record.

adelphia is preparing a serum to be used as an antidote for snake bites, but it cannot be claimed for it that it will fill a long felt want. Dr. John Barleycorn's olden rye serum will never be jarred loose from public favor.

L. C. Harding spent a few days in Coldwater, Michigan the fore part of the week.

The Rathbone sisters had a great time Tuesday night. A large number of members were present from Butler. The band played and there was also a supper. — Dawn.

Mr. Kiplinger will be at Knisely's store, all day Saturday, Nov. 11th to take special orders for ladies suits, wrappers, cloth and velvet waists, cloaks and collaretts. Ladies — Come in the forenoon, if possible to avoid the rush.

KNISELY DRY GOODS CO.

A new school is badly needed in Butler.

One of our young men who pays occasional visits to Waterloo, says it is the worst place he ever saw for "stares." He got a whole face full Sunday; he says he only fell down one flight, but his appearance would indicate that there were at least a half dozen, or that a life-sized cyclone had struck him. If you happen to run across him don't stare at him for it recalls to his memory the Waterloo stairs and nearly drives him frantic.

The Butler Record — 1897

L. H. Higley — Publisher

George Powers was in Pleasant Lake and Angola Wednesday on business for the Butler Co.

A jolly load of young people enjoyed the fine sleighing Saturday evening by a sleighride party to Waterloo.

The necessary money has been subscribed and Butler will be connected with the long distance telephone line as soon as the weather will permit. The Town Board has allowed the Company's franchise which includes the privilege of putting up poles for a local exchange. This will give us connection with Waterloo, Auburn, Ft. Wayne and all the small towns in this vicinity as well as the cities.

Butler needs more hitching accommodations for teams that come here on Saturday.

Jake Cole who lived in the Grandpa Ginder property moved to Waterloo this week.

Patronize home industry by smoking the Katydid cigar made by E. W. Imhoff, Butler. It is a first-class cigar too.

Married — Monroe Norford of this city and Fanny Bennett of Fort Wayne, were married Tuesday, Feb. 9, 1897, at Fort Wayne. Marriage can hardly be a failure when men are willing to be caught the second time.

Last week Father Sawyer, of Butler had his whiskers trimmed and hair cut nicely and came down to our home all covered with smiles telling us he was Great Grandpapa since Feb. 3rd.

Will Dohner has rented the Wallick farm.

Frank Graff has his new ice house completed and of course filled with ice.

Fred Blaker has rented the Mrs. Jacob Jennings farm and moved there on last week.

Charlie and Burley Haverstock entertained a few of their friends last Thursday evening. Oysters, cake, oranges and popcorn were served.

Ott Gengnagle and Charley Campbell are at home from Angola where they have been attending college.

Dr. Kester, of Kendallville, a brother of A. S. Kester of this place, has bought the Simon Ochs property on Oak St. and will move to Butler soon.

Married: On March 6, 1897, Jacob W. Jennings and Ruby Skelton were united in marriage by Rev. J. S. Smith, at the U. B. Parsonage, Butler, Ind.

The Butler Record — 1897

L. H. Higley — Publisher

Married: On March 7, 1897, Charles Mutzfeld and Rose Yates were united in marriage by Rev. J. S. Smith, at the U. B. parsonage, Butler, Indiana.

Miss Anna Gehring entertained a number of her friends at her pleasant home in the east part of town, last Saturday evening.

By the order of the Directors of the Butler Park, I am directed to call a meeting of all concerned, at my office next Tuesday evening March 23, at 7 o'clock, it is important that all come.

D. D. Diehl, Sec.

Meade Relief Corpse No. 91, will give a camp fire in the G. A. R. hall on Monday evening, March 22. Everybody come. Admission 5 cents.

Married: at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Jennings, at Troy, on Wednesday evening, March 10, 1897, by Rev. J. M. Dustman, Mr. Thomas A. Haynes and Miss Leora Jennings, both of Troy, Indiana.

John J. Oberlin and family moved into their new home on Walnut St., Tuesday.

Henry Grube: has bought the Arthur Aldrich farm east of town and will move there shortly. Henry Ackly will move into the Grube house.

Last Saturday Peter Teutsch caught two dogs chasing his sheep. They had caught an old ewe and were mangling her in a bad manner when he and his son arrived on the scene. They managed to catch the dogs and put them to sleep with the soft side of an ax.

COLLEGE CORNERS

Charley Ball visited his little niece at H. Ball's Sunday.

Bessie Lewis, of Angola, visited her grandma Ashby recently.

Ervin Funk who is attending school at Butler is boarding at home now.

We were informed that Henry Showalter has one hundred young chickens and that they were hatched the old way.

Roy Snyder has been working for the past two months for Wm. Ball who says he is a hustler. He is now hired to Wesley Showalter near Butler.

Ladies Aid of the church of God will meet with Mrs. Ira Kinney Friday at 2 p. m.

George Souder was seen to have big smile on

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VIEWS OF YEARS AGO

Upper left—New York Central Depot. Upper right—View on Broadway St., looking north. Lower—East side of Broadway St., looking north from N. Y. C. tracks.

Upper left—West side of Broadway St. in 1890: Upper right—East side of Broadway St., looking north from Oak St.. Lower—East side of Broadway St., looking north from Knisely Bank with old town pump in foreground.

History of Butler Newspapers

By BURDETTE POWERS

Note—The history of the newspaper publishing business in Butler has never been very accurately kept, and consequently the following sketch will differ in several ways from various other histories that have been written in the past. However the author has gone to considerable research to make this sketch correct, and has at his disposal substantial proof for all assertions, dates and names.

JOURNALISM IN BUTLER dates back to the days following the Civil War, when times were not so prosperous and the village was yet in its infancy, and still referred to by many as Jarvis.

Mr. William T. Kimsey, an experienced newspaper man of Waterloo, Ind., came to Butler after the close of the Civil War in which conflict he had participated with the Union forces, and established the first newspaper. It was called "The Butler Herald", and its first publication was on Friday, June 15, 1866. The venture proved to be a financial failure for Mr. Kimsey, and publication was suspended after about a year of operation.

Two years later, in 1868, Mr. Emery Higley, grandfather of R. D. Higley, president of the Higley Printing Co. of Butler, began the publishing of "The Banner of Liberty." This newspaper venture also proved to be a financial failure in a short time, and the plant was moved to Auburn, the county seat, where Mr. Higley started another paper, this one being called "The Auburn Times." It was of short duration.

In 1874 Mr. R. H. Weamer began publishing "The Butler News". Like his predecessors, Mr. Weamer could not make a go of the newspaper business in Butler. He too moved his plant to Auburn where he published "The DeKalb County Republican" for a short time.

On February 2, 1876, Mr. R. D. Sherwood published the first issue of "The Butler Review," later to be known as "The DeKalb County Herald." The paper's existence was less than a year in its first venture.

The next newspaper venture in Butler was made by Mr. D. D. Luke who published the first copy of "The Butler Record" on February 15, 1877. A short time later he sold the paper to Mr. W. M. Kist. Mr. Kist, who was a republican, operated the paper until 1880 when failing health forced him to retire, leasing the plant to R. H. Weamer, who three years earlier had attempted "The Butler News." Mr. Weamer published "The Record" for one year, when his lease expired. In the meantime Mr. Kist had died and the estate sold the paper to Mr. W. F. Garrison, who operated "The Record "for a number of years. The paper then passed through several hands, becoming the property of M. Maxwell, who sold to M. E. Smith, and later in 1894, to

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A reproduction of Butler's first newspaper printed in 1866.

History of Fraternal Orders

By MISS NORA I. BROWN

THE FIRST FRATERNAL SOCIETY in Butler was organized May 25, 1858 and was known as Forest Lodge No. 239 F. & A. M. The charter was signed by 15 members. H. S. Madden was the first Worshipful Master. For 83 years it has been an active and popular organization.

Twenty-two years later, on April 15, 1880, Forest Chapter O. E. S. No. 44, the first woman's lodge in Butler, was chartered with 13 members. The membership grew to 244 in 1828. Present membership 139.

October 22, 1891, Butler Chapter No. 106, Royal Arch Mason, was chartered. On October 20, 1909 Butler Council No. 83, Royal & Select Masons, was chartered and still hold regular stated meetings.

May 22, 1867, a charter was granted Butler Lodge No. 282 IOOF. There were seven charter members. It is next to the oldest order in Butler. Present membership 56. Butler Encampment No. IOOF was instituted March 17, 1884. The Rebecca Lodge, auxiliary to the IOOF, has been in existence for many years.

Meade Post G. A. R. was mustered in on January 24, 1882 with thirteen charter members. C. J. Stoy was the First Commander. Five years later, on November 15, 1887, Meade W. R. C. No. 91 was organized by Commander A. H. Weamer with 26 charter members. The one surviving Civil War Veteran widow, Irene Brown, was their first president and is one of the three charter members now living. Minnie Diehl, Auburn, and Leota Daily Hoisington, Adrian, Michigan, are the others. For many years these two organizations had full charge of Decoration and Memorial Day services. It was through their efforts that it was possible to erect the beautiful soldiers' monument at the Butler Cemetery. The charters of each order were surrendered when taps were sounded for the last G. A. R. comrade.

The Foster Blaker American Legion Post No. 202, named for a local World War Veteran, has a membership of 35 members and is the only active military organization in Butler.

55 years ago, on December 11, 1886, the Knights of Pythias established a lodge in Butler. At one time they had the largest membership of any lodge in the city. The noted K. of P. band led by Dale Higley and the Sampson Drill Team drilled by Dr. Frank F. Fanning, were known far and wide over the state for their excellent appearance and performance. In 1931 they were accorded the privilege of performing before the Supreme Lodge officers at Cincinnati, Ohio. For many years the Uniform Rank of K. P's was an active and colorful organization.

March 25, 1896, a lodge named Rathbone Sisters was organized with 23 members. Rilla Duncan acted as Grand Chief. Later the name was changed to Pythian Sisters. Present membership 64.

About 1896 Butler Tent No. 17 Knights of the Macabbees was established with twelve charter members and with Sam G. Stone acting as Past Senior High Commander. From this small beginning, the order grew rapidly to 240 members. This was an insurance organization. As the rates increased, the membership dropped off, until in August 1922 only 18 members were left to accept the adjusted insurance plan of twenty year endowment policies. They still retain their charter but hold no meetings. Charles Stevens of Aberdeen, Washington, retains his membership in Butler.

The history of Harmony Hive Ladies of the Macabbees is similar to that of the Sir Knights. A thriving order for several years and then a drop in membership. The name was changed to Woman's Benefit Association and finally the remaining members were transferred to Auburn, Ind. In 1888 The Sons of Veterans organized with 25 members and disbanded a year or so later.

A Spanish American Post carried on for several years in Butler. Due to the small membership, they transferred to the Auburn, Indiana, Post.

The Woodman and Royal Neighbors of America, insurance organizations, have been active in Butler for the past forty years. The Royal Neighbors still have thirty-five members who meet once each month in their different homes.

Several railroad trainmen orders disbanded in 1893 when the Wabash shops were moved from Butler.

The Yoemen Lodge, Patrons of Industry, Moose Lodge, and Grange all organized, flourished for a short time and disbanded.

Centennial Entertainment

Visitors at the Centennial Celebration will thrill to the spectacular exploits of the Sky High Girl who will perform twice each day in sensational feats on the high trapeze. This daring aerial artist will bring her act to a hair-raising climax with an awesome 350 foot slide for life. This show will be staged at 5:00 and 11:00 o'clock daily on the lots along Depot Street.

Through the Century With Our Doctors

By DR. C. B. HATHAWAY

DR. WILLIAM SHELDON

Dr. Sheldon settled first on Fish Creek on section 2. He remained there but a year or two, but evidently was of much benefit to the surrounding territory and treated patients in Butler.

DR. JOHN TATMIN (or Latmin)

Dr. John Tatmin located in Vienna which is now Newville in 1834 or 1835 and likely cared for Butler people as he traveled far and wide at the fastest gait his white horse could take him.

DR. SOLOMON STOUGH

Dr. Solomon Stough located on Fish Creek in 1845 and had an extensive practice.

DR .WILLIAM H. MADDEN

Hon. William H. Madden was born April 8, 1825 in Wayne County, Ohio. He began his practice with Dr. John E. Charles of New Cumberland, Ohio. In 1847 he located in Butler, however only practiced six months. Then went back to Ohio in Jefferson County and practiced fourteen months. In 1849 he returned to Butler and remained here the rest of his life.

He lived and practiced from his residence just east of the Wabash Railroad. The location is that of the home of Millard Capp. Dr. Madden was a member of the Indiana State Medical Society. In 1876 he was elected to the Indiana Legislature. He acted as Notary, Justice of the Peace, and Trustee. He also was the first Postmaster of Butler in 1853.

Dr. Madden enjoyed an extensive practice and had the confidence of all who knew him. He once stated to an early narrator Byron Darby, M. D. "I have had much more joy out of my efforts and their results in relieving the suffering of humanity than I ever have had from the money my profession has made for me."

Age and infirmities compelled him to retire from practice, but he never lost his interest in the profession. He was especially unselfish and kind to his competitors.

DR. JAMES MILLIGAN

Dr. James Milligan a native of Pennsylvania, located in Butler in 1853 where he followed his profession for five years. The doctor was firm in his conviction and energetic but lacked devotion to his profession. He bought a fine farm in Troy township to which he retired where he enjoyed a happy life to good old age. The doctor had an extensive practice through the country of that region, notwithstanding his dislike for his profession. He was never known to ride his horses off a walk. He would say to any one, asking him to hurry: "If the patient is going to die, they will die anyway, and there is no use of killing a horse."

DR. NOYCE COATS

Dr. Noyce Coats, a native of Pennsylvania, matured his boyhood days in Wilmington township near Butler. He took a course of lectures in Michigan University and was appointed surgeon in the Federal army during the war of the Rebellion. He was a man of fine culture companionable and sympathetic. He died in 1877 mourned by all who knew him.

DR. JOSEPH E. BENNETT

Joseph E. Bennett was born in Syracuse, N. Y. March 25, 1840. He was educated in the Angola Schools and began ready Medicine with Dr. C. D. Rice. He attended the Electic Medical Institute at Cincinnati, Ohio, graduating in the spring of 1869. In March 1869 he located in Troy township, DeKalb County. In January 1872 located in Butler where he built up a good practice. He married Rachel Casebeer a daughter of John Casebeer a Pioneer of Troy township. Mrs. John Thiel of Butler is the daughter of Dr. Bennett.

DR. J. SHELDON LEWIS

Dr. Sheldon Lewis was born in Butler in 1858. His birth was attended by Dr. Sheldon. He was educated in the Butler schools and the Fort Wayne Medical College. His office was over Stone's Drug store, what is now Horner's Drug store. He lived in what is now the Eli Mutzfeld home. His daughter is Mrs. Earl Lowe.

DR. EDWIN L. FOSDICK

Dr. Fosdick was born in Auburn, Indiana May 1, 1856. He was the son of Edward and Helen G. Totten Fosdick. He received his elementary education in the public schools and later attended the Ohio Wesleyan University of Delaware. He then attended the medical department of the Michigan University, Ann Arbor, graduating in 1879. He practiced a year at Kewaunee, Indiana and then from December, 1879, till March 1882 carried on a drug store. He then came to Butler and in partnership with his father opened a store in this place. Later his father sold his interest to Wilkinson and the firm changed to Fosdick and Wilkinson. Dr. Fosdick was mar-

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A Glance at the Near-Pioneers

By MRS. JAMES N. CATHER

PROF. FRANK A. BRINK, was born in Richland County, Ohio, March 2, 1885 and died Nov. 11, 1923. He was reared on a farm, but received a good education, and graduated from the college at Plymouth, Ohio, in 1876. He came to Butler in 1879, practiced law, taught school and conducted a training school for teachers at Newville. His immediate relatives are Mrs. Frank Brink, Mrs. Pearl Kanaley, Mrs. Garnet Grube and John S. Brink.

John A. Campbell, insurance and collecting agent, was born in Wayne County, Ohio, Dec. 25, 1836 and died in 1905. He received a good education and taught school for twenty-four terms in Ohio and Indiana. In Butler Mr. Campbell taught school, started and carried on the first insurance business in Butler and was active in Church and civic life. He wrote many biographies of many old settlers.

George Geddes was born in Franklin twp., DeKalb County, Ind., October 29, 1863. On October 8, 1898 in company with L. C. Harding he purchased the drug store where the Geddes Drug Store is located today. Mr. Geddes was elected city treasurer, served a term as county councilman, served on the school board, and helped promote the K. of P. lodge which was instituted December 11, 1886. Mr. Geddes was engaged in the drug business longer than any one in the county at the time of his death.

Benton Beard the son of Elisha and Elizabeth Beard was born March 8, 1841 and died May 22, 1917, three miles northwest of Butler. He was one of ten children and the only one remaining is Mrs. Maggie Lemon of Los Angles, Calif. Mr. Beard was connected with the Norris store and his father a carpenter received eighty acres of land for building a barn in 1844. For another eighty acres of land, Mr. Beard traded a yoke of oxen.

Mrs. Wycoff was born in 1818 in Harrison County, Ohio and Mr. Wycoff in New Jersey. In 1853 traveling in a covered wagon they moved to DeKalb County and settled on a farm east of Butler. Mr. Wycoff in 1855 purchased a saw mill in Butler or Norristown. The saw mill was located where the Butler Co. now stands and here the first boards were sawed for the side walks of Norristown. In 1870 Mr. Wycoff bought a farm two and a half miles east of Butler. The farm has remained in the hands of the family for seventy-one years. A grandson, Ray W. Miller and family residing there at present.

John Freeburn came to DeKalk County in the year of 1867 settling on a farm southeast of Butler known as the Gravels corners. The family resided at this home for four years after which time they sold the farm to O. S. Edson father of Mrs. D. A. Freeburn. In 1870 he became a partner in the Burgett and Freeburn Buggy Co. and 1871 moved to Butler.

Rev. James Cather was born in Guernsey County, Ohio, August 25, 1819. He was educated in the Luthern Literary and Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Pa. In 1844 he came to DeKalb County and was employed as a missionary by the English Luthern synod of Ohio. He organized a number of churches in the vicinity of Butler and in 1847 married the daughter of Charles Norris.

Henry and Mary Jennings moved from Columbiana County, Ohio to DeKalb County in the year of 1842. They built a log cabin and settled two and a half miles west of Butler. Mr. Jennings related to his children a story of how his cousin when a small boy was captured by the Indians and carried off into captivity. An Indian squaw helped the little boy to escape and after many hair raising adventures he was united with his parents.

George Smurr was born in Martinsburg, Va., June 6, 1795 and died March 8, 1887. He moved from Virginia to Franklin Co., Pa. 1818, where April of the same year he married Anna Wiser. He was a cooper by trade. Mr. Smurr with his wife and two children moved to Stark Co. Ohio in 1826. In 1842 he came to DeKalb County and settled on the S. E. quarter of sec. 11, now the west part of Butler. He was a drummer boy in the war of 1812 serving in Capt. Wm. Gregory's Company.

Christ Mutzfeld was born in Germany March 25, 1827 and died November 6, 1892. He and his family arrived in United States in 1854 and came to DeKalb County about the same year. He settled first near Auburn Junction and later moved to a point four miles west of Butler in 1865. Mr. Mutzfeld served in the Union Army during the Civil war. Many of the decendants of Christ Mutzfeld are living around or in Butler to-day.

Timothy J. Knisely was born in Troy Township, DeKalb County, April 17, 1848, a son of William Knisely an early settler of that township. His education was obtained by study at home, when not at work, as he was able to attend school but two months in the year. When about eighteen years old he began teaching and taught two terms. In 1870 he came to Butler and worked in a hotel for his board. Mr. Knisely and his brother David H. conducted a drug business, sold it and established a dry goods store. Mr. Timothy Knisely and Boots established

a bank. Mr. Knisely married Jennie McCurdy, May 10, 1868.

David H. Knisely was born in Troy Township, DeKalb County, November 1854, a son of William Knisely. He remained on a farm till fourteen years of age, receiving a common school education. He then went to Hamilton, Steuben County and clerked for Aldrich and Knisely for a year and a half. In 1871 he came to Butler and attended school two terms and clerked in a drug store three years. He married Eva J. Mason, October 15, 1882. He was associated in business with his brother.

Monroe Staley was born April 24, 1852 in Shelby County, Ohio. When a small boy, he with his parents moved to DeKalb County and bought a farm in Wilmington Township near Moore's Station. Monroe Staley and Maggie Boyer Staley were united in marriage June 21, 1874. And to this union were born Lanta Albert Staley and Sylvia Staley. The Wm. Staley family located in Wilmington Township in 1866.

James Chambers, Jr. was born in Carroll Co., Ohio, May 2, 1830 and in 1844 came with his parents to DeKalb County and settled in Wilmington Township. He in early life learned the mason's trade which has been his life occupation. Mr. Chambers was constable of Wilmington Township four years.

Isaac D. Dailey, blacksmith, was born in Summit Co., Ohio, February 9, 1842. He enlisted in the war of the Rebellion and served one year. In the fall of 1865 he came to Butler, and the next spring opened a grocery and provision store, which he conducted nine months, after which he established a blacksmith business. He married Almira Noel and to them were born four children; Minnie Agnoss, Leota E., Ida L, and Bertha E.

D. D. Diehl was born in Summit County, Ohio, January 25, 1843 and came to DeKalb County in April, 1843, and settled in Stafford Township. In 1861 he enlisted in the Union Army and fought through the Civil War. He was in the agricultural implement business three years and later worked as a foreman in the shop of Beodle and McCurdy, of Butler, Indiana.

Isaac Hose, was born in Wilmington Township, December 12, 1856. He was reared a farmer and in the spring of 1882 he moved to Butler and worked for the railroad for a time, and then engaged in the merchantile business for himself. He later moved to a farm east of Butler.

Peter S. Kester was born, November 27, 1813 in Sussex County, N. J., and in 1837 came to DeKalb County. He married Miss Annabel Widney and died June 18, 1885. To Mr. and Mrs. Kester were born eight children: John P., Alonzo A., Amanda M., Richard S., Adolphus A., Annenus M., Amelia D., and Mary M.

Albert J. Mason was born in Genesee County, N. Y., December 29, 1829. He came to Norristown 1856 and built some of the best houses and business blocks in town. He established his lumber yard in 1875 and in the year 1853 he married Harriet M. Olds.

John Houlton, the first settler of DeKalb County was born in Highland County, Ohio, Sept. 21, 1804 and died June 2, 1875. He was married to Sarah Fee February 5, 1833 and the following September moved to DeKalb County. He built the first house in the county, which was built of round logs, was one and a half stories high, and twenty feet square. At the time Mr. Houlton settled in DeKalb County the Indians and wild animals roamed the forest at will.

William Harding, born in Jamestown Township, Steuben County, Indiana, in 1841, moved to Butler in 1888 and for many years conducted a grocery business, purchased from Charles Crane, then located in the Higley Building now occupied by the Fur Products Co. The business was sold to Morse & Lewis. He then traveled for The Butler Company for several years, after which he moved to Fremont, Indiana, where he died in 1918.

David W. Blaker, one of the older citizens of Butler, was born in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, just North of Philadelphia in 1830. He spent his early years as a canal boat driver on the Susquehanna River and came to Butler, then called Norristown, in about 1852. When the New York Central was being built, he operated a blacksmith shop for them at Arford's Crossing and later here in town on East Main Street across from the M. E. Church. In 1862, he purchased the Eli Johnson farm, now owned by Howard Blaker, Southeast of Butler, where he lived most of his life. He passed away there in 1908.

Robert Arford was born in Layette County, Pa., March 27, 1828 and moved to DeKalb County from Tuscarawas County, Ohio in 1852. He settled east of Butler and began clearing his farm. Though of meager circumstances at the beginning of his career, he accumalated considerable acreage of land, due to hard work and self denial. He made all the furniture in their home with the exception of two chairs and a bureau.

James Gaff, was born in Stark County, Ohio, December 24, 1818 and came to DeKalb County 1848. He was married February 26, 1842 to Mary Haverstock. Their first years of married life were filled with disappointments and adverse circumstances, but they finally over-

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Looking Back Over the Century

By JAMES N. CATHER

THE FIRST LIBRARY was located over the Fur products. The First librarian was Lottie Brundage. Later Thomas Rudd succeeded Lottie Brundage and the present librarian is Nora Rudd.

The first school, a log house stood opposite the present M. E. Church (corner E. Main and Pearl). It was built in 1842 by Egnew, Hanes, Cherry, Norris, Tomilson and others. A frame structure was built in 1855 to take the place of the log school house.

The first basketball teams in high school were organized in 1912.

The first building used for a gymnasium was the old M. E. Church then located on the corner of Pearl and Washington Streets.

The first Butler High School Band was organized by Mrs. Lida Stage in 1930.

Frederick Gennagel opened a hardware in 1874.

J. C. Brown and Son were engaged in the shoe business for about 50 years.

L. J. Diehl started in business repairing watches with a man named Rogers and remained in the jewelry business from the close of the Civil War until his death. Mr. Diehl had perhaps the oldest business in town.

William Oberlin was engaged in the livery, soft drink and billiard business for more than 50 years. R. J. Mason operated a lumber business for over 50 years.

Butler's undertaker in 1867 was James Otis and Son.

The first log cabin was erected in Wilmington township by Byron Bunnell in 1836. Wilmington Township was organized in 1837.

The first frame building was raised on the subsequent site of the Haverstock block, in 1855.

Michigan Southern Railroad (now New York Central) was completed to Norristown (now Butler) May 27, 1856. 41 inhabitants heard the whistle of the locomotive proclaiming the completion to that point.

John Houlton, the first settler of DeKalb County, came to this county in 1834 and settled in Franklin Township.

John Moore agreed to build for Amasa Smith a house 18 ft. by 25 ft. one story and a half high, with six windows and three doors. Total cost $65, Norristown Dec. the 23, 1855.

May 8, 1856 Price of a Coffin—"Received of Isabel Smith (daughter of Charles Norris) Seven dollars and 50 cents for the use of A. Smith deceased in full for coffin."

Nicholas Noal.

Freight and mail were sent from Norristown to Defiance, Ohio by wagon or horseback before railroads were built to Butler. It took three months for a letter to reach New York State in 1846.

Prices of drugs sold by Norris, Smith and Co., Norristown, Ind., July 19, 1853: One bottle Expectorant, $1.00, Hair tonic, one bottle $1.00, Alternative, one bottle, $1.00, Hair dye one bottle 50c, Carminative Balsam 50c. Tonic Vermifuge 25c, Sanative pills a box $1.00, Ague Pills a box $1.00 and Liniment a bottle 25c. Drugs shipped to Norristown, Ind., by David Jayne, M. D., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

In 1866 Butler had over 100 pupils crowded into a school room twenty-four by forty feet.

The Butler Pubilc Schools gained a favorable reputation as a teacher's training school through the northeast counties of our state. Period that teachers were trained in Butler was from 1868 to about 1880.

In 1873 T. J. Knisely began his business career employed by Stiefel and Ochs. In 1883 the Knisely Boots and Co. Bank was organized. The bank was in the back of their dry goods store.

The first sawmill in Norristown was built by Peter Wycoff and Hutchinson Boone in 1855.

The first ashery (making of lye) was operated on the south east corner of Oak and Pearl Sts. The last ashery in Butler was operated by Conrad Gehring.

The Butler Windmill Co., was first promoted by Jonas H. Aldrich and T. H. Shaub in 1888. It is now operated by L. C. Harding and known as the Butler Company.

John A. Campbell operated the first insurance business in Butler.

First Post Office at Oak Hill two miles south of Butler. Mail carried on horseback (1844).

Market quotations, September, 1856. Flour $6.50 bbl., wheat $1.00 bushel, corn 31c, oats 25c, flaxseed $1.00 bushel, potatoes 62½c, butter 12½c, eggs 8c dozen.

Dr. C. W. Beechler opened dental offices on corner of Broadway and Oak Streets. George Kehrer opened a drug store on east side of Broadway (1875). He took S. G. Stone as a partner (1877) and Mr. Stone became sole owner in 1886.

M. A. Bowman established saw and planing mill on East Oak St. (opposite United Milk Products Co.)

John Freeburn owned a buggy factory (on site of Richard Schimpf residence).

First Grist Mill was located on the site of Mrs. Henry Scranton's residence.

Henry Lindorfer's brick mill (1865) was north of present school.

Ezra Hopkins and Cyrus Moser owned a brick mill adjacent to Henry Lindorfer. Ezra Hopkins later moved into west part of town (between N. Y. C. and Vandalia railroads).

Postmaster Howard also ran a shoe and boot shop in the same building (where McCleery grocery now is located).

Revett's Shoe and Boot Shop was located on East Main (site Postmaster Clyde Oberlin's residence).

The first jail was constructed of planks (where city hall now stands).

Oberlin's Tannery stood on the site of E. L. Dunning's residence.

J. Otis Furniture Factory (site of Maxton's Garage) was operated in Butler years ago.

Lower carriage shop (site of Clara Alwood's house) was part of an old factory built into a house.

The first merchandise was sold from log hut on Broadway by Charles Norris, Smith and Co. in the late eighteen forties.

First town pump was located in middle of street between Knisely Bank and band stand. This well was struck when the present sewer was laid and some of it still remains under the sewer.

John R. Practor opened a Jewelry store (1882).

Masters and Scobill owned a packing house on west Railroad St. (Now Depot St.) E. P. Masters became sole owner 1855.

Henry Tess came to Butler 1884 as a telegraph operator for the Postal Telegraph Co. He purchased one-third interest in Knisely Dry Goods Co. (where Cobb Cafe is now located). The store was moved to the present location of Miller-Sturgis Co.

J. S. Fetter men's store was situated on the corner of Broadway and Oak St.

Market Quotations (1887) wheat 72c, corn 40c, oats 28c, eggs 10c doz., chickens 9c lb., cattle 4c, butter 8c, lard 7½c, ham 10c a pound.

Wm. Mutzfeld opened a harness shop on Broadway January 1st, 1888. The shop was located where Dovey's Diner is now situated.

W. D. and E. C. Miller purchased J. M. Linge-

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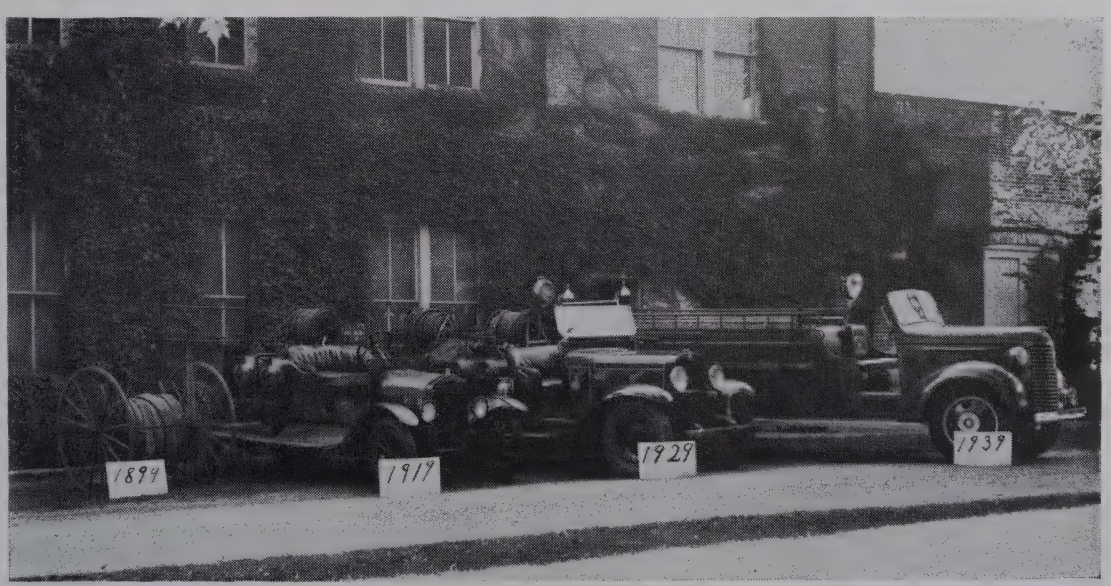


The Evolution of the Butler Fire Department.

The Development of Industry

By J. C. BLAKER

THE Industrial History of this community varies with the passing of the years. A manufacturer's product is conditioned by the demands of his market, and hence Butler's early industries were such as to supply the needs of the citizens of that day.

From the first industry in Butler, which was a stave factory, located just north of the New York Central Freight Station, in 1863, to the modern clothing plants and machine shops, which we have now, with their division of labor and precision machinery, is a far cry, but this development is primarily due to the change in the demands of the public. The industry that succeeds is one that adjusts its products to the ever changing years.

The town has seen its buggy factories (first one in 1868 - last one in 1918) come and go, and the **going** was necessitated by the ever changing demands of the people of the community. The Ashery, where Conrad Gehring made lye and potash, has passed, and now we have the Green House, the fine Garment Factories, making clothes for our enlisted men, the Foundry and Machine Shop, in which water well supplies are made and shipped to far away South African farms, and the plant where "Remark" able kitchen utensils are designed and produced to lighten the work of the mother in the home.

The change from a small municipal light plant, with a very variable service, to a hookup with a large dependable corporation is indicative of what is happening in many lines.

As mentioned above, the first industry of consequence to locate in Butler was a Stave Factory. The plant was built just North of the present New York Central freight station, during the Civil War in 1863. Its product was principally barrel heads and staves made from the abundant supply of hardwood lumber which this region afforded. After many years successful operation the plant was abandoned and the buildings razed. Today there is no physical evidence that such a company ever existed.

Another industry started about 1868 by Jacob Gehring's father, Conrad, was an Ashery, for the manufacture of lye and potash. This was located just across the street West of the present Athletic Field. Several men were employed and the product was sold largely to the glass factories of North Central Indiana. This industry continued to operate until about 1890.

The first Buggy Factory was started by a man named Plowe in 1868, and was located just East of the cement block building now being occupied by the Marshall Clothing Manufacturing Company on East Main St. Several men were employed. The buggies were hand-made, and naturally gave good service. We have no record of how long this business continued.

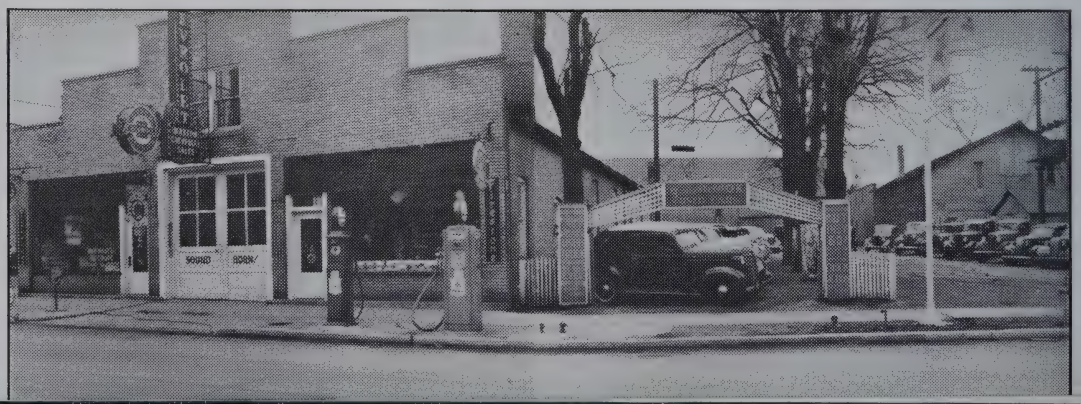
There have been a number of saw mills in Butler, the first one being located on the ground now occupied by The Butler Company. Later, Bowman & Son ran a Saw Mill near the East end of Oak Street. After this, Kinney & Son built a Saw Mill south of the New York Central tracks and West of West Street. Later they located their plant just West of the New York Central freight station. They left Butler in 1901, moving to Orrville, Ohio, where timber is more plentiful.

One industry that is still with us is The Butler Company, which was incorporated in 1894, for the manufacture of Windmills, Bicycles and Well Supplies. The management of this business has been in the hands of Mr. L. C. Harding since 1896, during which time the capital has been increased and its contacts expanded until their product is now in use on every continent.

The Butler Basket Company was established about the year 1893, and operated under the management of Mr. J. C. Eviston for a number of years. This was followed by the Titan Engineering Company, who were makers of fractional horse power motors.

When the automobile came to prominence the Garage business passed many other lines in importance. We have had many of these garages through the years. Established in 1927, Maxton's Garage is still serving the people in the building formerly occupied by Long & Son. Graf's Garage has been in continuous operation since about the year 1913.

In 1928 two young men from Chicago, a Mr. Young and Mr. Dorsey Marshall, located in



Butler and organized a Clothing Factory. In a short time Mr. Young withdrew and left town, but Mr. Marshall is still with us as manager of The Marshall Clothing Manufacturing Company. At present they are turning out Jackets for the United States Army, and have about ninety people on their payroll.

About twenty years ago a Condensery was located here on the Wabash Railroad Grounds, and managed by Mr. Ward Haviland. Later it was taken over by the United Milk Products Company, and in 1939 this Company built a very modern plant in the East part of town, in which milk from our farms is processed and shipped to our city markets.

The writer was a student in the B. H. S. from 1892 to 1895, and one of his teachers was a Mr. L. H. Higley. who came from one of our rural communities, Northwest of Butler. He was a graduate of the Fayette Normal School of Fayette, Ohio, and after teaching school for a few years, he acquired the Butler Record. When the Rev. Theo. F. Frech was the Methodist Pastor here, he engaged Mr. Higley to print a magazine, known as the Epworth League Quarterly. From this small beginning the printing of magazines has expanded until it is one of the larger publishing houses of religious literature in the State. They employ about twenty people.

Industries of Butler that furnish employment for residents of Butler and community:

THE BUTLER CO. — Windmills, Pumps and Supplies.
THE MARSHALL CLOTHING MFG. CO. — Sport Goods, Army Clothing.
THE FUR PRODUCTS CO. — Leather Coats, Leather Goods.
THE UNITED MILK PRODUCTS CO. — Condensary.
THE HIGLEY PRINTING CO. — Publishers of Religious Literature.
THE BUTLER PRODUCE CO. — Tomato Canners.
THE REMARK MFG. CO. — Kitchen Utensils.
THE MAXTON MOTORS — Chevrolet Sales.
THE AGAR BAIT CO. — Artificial Fish Bait.

Progress consists in meeting the needs of the public in the most satisfactory and economical manner. The development of the automobile, bringing with it our truck and bus service, has produced a transportation system of greater speed and convenience than could have been imagined one hundred years ago. Several truck and bus lines travel our streets daily, delivering freight and passengers with such speed and safety that it would have been looked upon as miraculous by our forefathers.

And the end is not in sight. The aeroplane has revolutionized war, and it will revolutionize transportation. Butler will yet have her Airport for package and passenger service.

Below—United Milk Products. Upper right—The Butler Company. Lower right —Marshall Clothing Mfg. Co. Left—Maxton Motor Sales.

Development of Transportation

By A. C. MILLER

THE HISTORY of the systems of transportation in Butler and vicinity is of much more than merely passing interest. In one sense, it might be said that the status of Butler as a city has been determined by the varying fortunes and decisions of the railway companies. At one time Butler boasted a population of almost three thousand, but the shifting of many railroad families to other division points has considerably reduced that number.

Along about 1850 the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Company began to purchase land for its right of way through this community; it was really at the instigation of this railway company that the name of our town was changed from Jarvis to Butler. In the year 1854 the Lake Shore completed the building of its road from Toledo to Butler and on through to Chicago, and Butler was definitely put on the map. Shortly after train service was inaugurated between here and Toledo, the railroad ran a free excursion from here to Toledo, and hundreds of people piled into box cars, flat cars, and passenger coaches to make the slow, laborious trip. All locomotives were powered by wood in those days, and frequent stops had to be made to stoke up the boiler. It was not long, however, until the Lake Shore Line developed into the great New York Central system, which remains to this day Butler's most important transportation facility.

Shortly after the building of the first railroad through Butler, a corporation was founded in Logansport, Indiana, to build a railroad from Logansport to Butler connecting with the Lake Shore at this point. This corporation was called the Eel River Railway Company. It was at this time that the first railway depot bearing the name "Butler" was erected, and our community now stood at the junction point of two trunk line railroads. In 1873, because the newly-completed Eel River Railroad was now receiving and delivering all of its freight through Butler, the Lake Shore established a freight division point here, with daily service eastbound to Toledo and westbound to Elkhart. The Lake Shore at this time built a new station, freight house, grain elevator, and brick roundhouse; a dispatcher's office was established here, and at least four train crews operated out of the city. Restaurants thrived in the vicinity of the passenger depot and roundhouse, and at least one restauranteur, George Boots by name, acquired a wide reputation as a purveyor of good food. Butler seemed at this time to be well on the way to prosperity as a thriving railroad town.

The Wabash Railroad Company kept the ball rolling in 1880 by leasing the Eel River Railroad for a period of ninety-nine years, proceeding immediately to extend the road to Detroit, a rail distance of 112 miles. This road was completed in the spring of 1889, giving the Wabash a division point here between Detroit and Chicago. Butler immediately became a "boom town", the largest town in DeKalb County. Roundhouses, car shops, hotels, and dwelling houses were quickly erected, and Butler's population rose almost overnight from 1200 to 2800. It is estimated that the railroad payrolls alone amounted at this time to over $100,000 monthly. The railroad yards presented a scene of hurry and bustle, with hundreds of cars being switched from one track to another by the puffing locomotives. Business boomed, and many merchants in the town prospered to the extent of piling up small fortunes.

But the bubble soon burst. In 1890 the Wabash started to build a railroad from Montpelier, Ohio, to Chicago by a more direct route. When this line was completed in 1893, the Wabash moved its division point to the new town of Ashley, and at least one-third of Butler's population moved out "bag and baggage." Everything that pertained to a division point here, machinery, men, and equipment, was moved either to Ashley or Montpelier, and from the point of view of population alone, this was a blow from which Butler never recovered. Only one who was an actual eyewitness of the transformation could picture for us the desolation which prevailed in the empty railroad yards and shops. In the words of the late J. A. Barber, "The railroad yards that had been the scene of constant activity and life for twelve years became as silent and forsaken as the graveyards where the ashes of nearly all of those strong, powerful fellows repose. No one who knew all those conditions and those men . . can restrain a feeling of sadness when he takes a look over the old yards."

The original charter of the Eel River Railroad and the subsequent lease which had been granted to the Wabash stipulated that the road be operated from Logansport to Butler, but the Wabash was now operating from Logan-

sport to Montpelier. Believing this to be contrary to law, Judge Dykeman of Logansport brought suit to have the ninety-nine year lease annulled because of this violation on the part of the Wabash. The courts decided in favor of the plaintiff, the lease was annulled, and the Butler-Logansport branch of the Wabash reverted to the original Logansport corporation. In turn, this branch was eventually sold to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, which still retains it and makes a very limited use of it.

The railroad boom in Butler was now a thing of the past, although in 1900 the Wabash built a road through from Butler to Fort Wayne to connect the Detroit branch with the Fort Wayne-St. Louis branch. Later, of course, the building of the more direct route from Butler to Detroit gave the Wabash a great arterial trunk line from Detroit to St. Louis.

Interest, however, continued to be maintained in railway transportation as local industry began to develop. Such newly-developed companies as the Butler Company, the Butler Basket Company, and Noragon & Sons grain elevator demanded an increasing use of our railway facilities. Passenger service, too, began increasingly to command the attention of Butler people. Even we young fellows can remember when one of the big social events of the week was to meet "23" on Sunday afternoons, and if any of the gay young blades of the town wanted to entertain his best girl by taking her for a train ride, they would take "23" to Waterloo and return on "16", some two hours later. A train ride of this sort was an event long to be remembered.

Coming quickly down to date, the current boom in industry for national defense has brought about a tremendous increase in railway transportation. Trains are whistling their way through town at all hours. The Wabash is now running 22 scheduled trains a day through here, while the New York Central daily operates 29 passenger trains and 44 scheduled freights through Butler, besides a large number of extras which brings the total to well over one hundred during a twenty-four hour period. Butler certainly is strategically located with reference to railway facilities.

Another transportational fact toward which Butler people point with pride is the development of Road 6 into a highway of nation-wide fame. Through the concentrated effort of such civic-minded stalwarts as Mike Long, Earl Poffenberger, and Jesse Oberlin, the old Toledo-Chicago Pike was vastly improved, and in five years an entire new highway was constructed across the northern part of Indiana to Chicago. In 1930 this new highway, together with many other fine highways across the country, was brought under a single system and designated as U. S. 6 or the Roosevelt Highway. This is now the longest highway in the United States under a single marking, extending from Los Angeles to Provincetown, at the tip of Cape Cod in Massachusetts. State Road 1, running north and south through Butler, has been greatly improved, and now runs under a single marking the whole length of the state of Indiana.

Situated as it is on the Roosevelt Highway and at the junction of two great railways systems, Butler is able to command an attractive tourist business and, at the same time, offer distinctive transportation facilities for industrial development. And as easy as it is for any one to get to Butler, we certainly think that some of you home-comers should come back and see us more often than you do.

History of Butler Newspapers

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Mr. L. H. Higley who continued its publication for 35 years, the longest time any editor ever published a Butler newspaper.

When the Kist estate sold "The Record" to Mr. Garrison, Mr. Weamer was publishing the paper, having had it leased. He became quite indignant over the transaction and purchased the equipment of the defunct "Butler Review" and reestablished the paper, making it a democrat organ, in direct competition to "The Record." As Mr. Weamer was a republican, he obtained the services of Mr. John Baxter, a prominent local democrat, to write the editorials. "The Review" continued to operate in this fashion until October 1, 1884 when it was sold to Mr. Edmund Calkins. Calkins published the paper for several months and sold to George Lautzenheiser. Three months later Lautzenheiser sold "The Review" to Mr. John J. Higgins, who published the paper for several years. Mr. O. H. Downey then became owner of the paper. In a short time he sold it to Mr. M. E. Gardner. Gardner could not make the paper pay out and Downey again became its publisher. This time Downey made several changes in the paper and changed its name from "The Review" to "The DeKalb County Herald." Several years later Downey sold the paper to Mr. W. H. Kenan, who in 1909 sold to Mr. A. S. Powers, a former employe of Higley, who has been publishing the paper for the past 32 years. On January 1, 1929, Mr. Powers purchased "The Record" of Mr. L. H. Higley and consolidated the papers into one, calling it "The Record-Herald."

The Record-Herald is recognized throughout the state as being one of the leaders in the weekly newspaper field. About ten years ago the paper proved to the world that local news-pictures were possible for country newspapers, and today is one of the very few, including metropolitan newspapers, that operates its own photo-engraving plant.

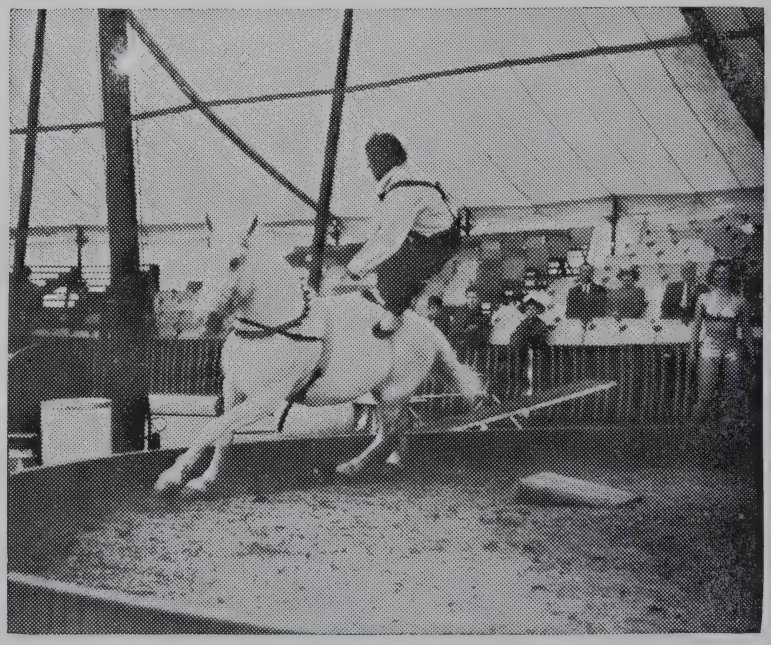
SOME FIRSTS

Deliah Noal was the first school teacher in Wilmington Township.

Joe Rex operated the first general store.

Centennial Entertainment

Among the outstanding free attractions at the Butler Centennial Celebration is the world famous Poodles Hanneford and his talented family of riders, acrobats, and comedians. Poodles Hanneford and his family made their name while traveling many years with the nation's largest circuses. The act is the final word in showmanship, polish, and class. The Hannefords are also billed as the Anzacs, the Aristocrats of the Australian Bull Whips. These free acts will be shown twice daily during the Centeniial.



Centennial Program

TUESDAY, JULY 29

6:00—Centennial officially opens.
Free historical exhibits of antiques in the business houses. You are invited to view this interesting display during the entire week of the celebration. The Butler Merchants hold open house for all visitors at the Centennial.
8:00—The Hanneford Family, in a free act on the midway.
9:00—Merchant's Drawing.
10:00—The Warstler Family, in songs and instrumental music on the band stand.
11:00—The Sky High Girl, in a thrilling exhibition on the high trapeze.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

2:00—Garrett Orts versus Butler Produce on the Athletic Field.
2:30—The Anzacs, the Aristocrats of the Australian Bull Whips.
3:00—Paulding, O. All-Stars versus Auburn All-Stars on the Athletic Field.
5:00—The Sky High Girl, in a sensational aerial act.
8:00—The Poodles Hanneford Family, world renowned equestrians.
8:30—Final game of the softball tournament.
11:00—The Sky High Girl.

THURSDAY, JULY 31

1:00—Lightweight Horsepulling Contest on the Athletic Field. No admission charge.
2:00—Mrs. Earl Riser, in feats of horsemanship.
2:15—Heavyweight Horsepulling Contest.
2:30—The Anzacs, in a free act.
3:00—The Accordion Band, in a concert on the band stand.
5:00—The Sky High Girl.
8:00—The Poodles Hanneford Family.
9:00—The Accordion Band, a 30-piece musical organization under the direction of Roy Geoglein.
11:00—The Sky High Girl.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

1:00—High School Band Contest on the Athletic Field. Colorful display of marching, concert work, and baton twirling by the outstanding bands of northern Indiana and Ohio. Free to all.
2:30—The Anzacs, in a free act.
4:00—The Sky High Girl.
4:30—Mammoth parade featuring bands, antique vehicles, and many organizations in full uniform. Parade to form on the Athletic Field.
8:00—The Poodles Hanneford Family.
8:30—Band Concert on the band stand.
11:00—The Sky High Girl.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

1:00——Registrations of visitors on the Band Stand. Homecoming and Old Settlers Day.
2:30—The Anzacs.
5:00—The Sky High Girl.
8:00—The Poodles Hanneford Family.
11:00—The Sky High Girl.

FIRST AID HEADQUARTERS to be in charge of Mrs. C. I. Weirich and Mrs. C. B. Hathaway.

Butler A Century Ago

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Some of the oldest of these firms were: Stifel and Ochs, dry goods and grain buyers; Eli Strauss, dry goods; Aaron Levy, dry goods; The Knisely Bros., dry goods, clothing and bankers; L. J. Diehl, Jewelry; Wm. Mutzfeld, harness shop; John Blaker, livery; J. C. Brown, shoe store; S. G. Stone, drugs; Brandon and Chilson, hardware; George Hensler, hardware; J. C. Vernier, hardware; A. D. Morse, grocery; J. M. Lingenfelder, grocery; W. D. and E. C. Miller, grocery; Walter S. Maxwell, hay, grain and feed. (During his residence in Butler Mr. Maxwell served as township trustee and assessor for a number of years.) A. J. Mason & Son, building material; W. H. Oberlin, pool and billiards. Some of our other well known firms which became established a little later than this were: Geo. W. Geddes, drugs; A. U. Vernier, Laundry; The Oberlin Grocery Co.; The Hiner Blacksmith Shop; the Chas Madden Monumental Works, and The Mutzfeld Bros. Harness Shop.

The first newspaper in Butler was known as The Herald and was started by W. T. Kinny, in 1866. Emory Higley, father of the late L. H. Higley, started the Banner of Liberty in 1868. The Butler Record came into existance in 1877 with W. M. Kist as editor and publisher, and passing through several hands it finally came into the ownership of L. H. Higley. The Butler Review, the forerunner of the present Record-Herald in 1878 was published by R. H. Weamer and J. W. Baxter was editor. It passed through a succession of owners until it came into the possession of O. H. Downey who conducted it a number of years and changed its name to the DeKalb Co. Herald. Mr. Downey sold the paper to W. H. Keenan and he in turn disposed of it to A. S. Powers the present owner.

In 1892-93 the Wabash moved its division point away from here and this was a misfortune for the town which has never been compensated for. In 1901-02 the Wabash completed a connecting line between this place and New Haven, and about 1912 the Pennsylvania which had taken over the old Eel River branch increased its business greatly which benefited Butler considerably, but this burst of activity lasted only a few years.

In 1878 Adolph May built the building now occupied by the Indiana & Michigan Electric Co. and the K. P Hall. For many years the upstairs of this building was Butler's Opera House where entertainment adapted to it was held. Previous to this entertainment of this character, public meetings, dances, etc., were held in the old Ballinger Hall, which stood on the ground where the Library now stands. In 1903 the Thompson Opera House was opened which furnished a convenient public auditorium for many years. At present, dramatic entertainments, large public gatherings, etc., are held in the auditorium in connection with the school house.

In the early 1880's Butler along with other towns in this section had an experience with natural gas. A well was sunk on the ground now occupied by the athletic field. A few houses in the east end of town were piped for its use but the flow was insufficient and soon gave out entirely. It was claimed by some at the time that the shooting of the well was maliciously executed in order to thwart the success of the undertaking, but that suspicion was probably erroneous as subsequent drillings in this part of the state would tend to verify.

In the neighborhood of the eary 1890's outside capital built the present City Hall which the town purchased within a few years. In this building was installed an electric plant driven by steam which furnished the town electricity for a considerable period of time. Deep wells were sunk near by and the town's water system established. This plant was successful in every respect save from an economical standpoint. An adequate supply of water was always available under great pressure and the town was well lighted, the streets being illuminated by large carbon arc lights hung practically all over the town two or three blocks apart. In 1912 or thereabouts unwise changes in the operation of this plant resulted in an interstate utility company acquiring control of the town's electrical equipment, furnishing power developed elsewhere. The Indiana and Michigan Electric Co. which bought these holdings sometimes since are now furnishing

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In the summer of 1890 a fire of considerable extent destroyed several buildings between the present Mutzfeld Hardware and the old McNabb Hotel, and the buildings now stand on this ground were erected following this fire.

From about 1896 to 1900 Butler conducted a series of street fairs which form a part of the tradition of the city. The usual carnival attractions catered to the merry-makers, while on the streets set apart for this feature all varieties of live stock were exhibited in pens built for the purpose. All of the enterprising merchants had booths erected in front of their stores which were an advertising annex of the business conducted inside. A race track had been made just back of the Butler Co. on the ground now owned by the Wabash R. R. During these fairs this race track was one of the centers of interest. The remains of it can still be seen at places. Moving pictures were first shown in Butler at these fairs.

In the early 1890's J. C. Eviston came here from Peru and organized the Butler Basket Co. The factory building was twice consumed by fire but was rebuilt each time. This industry was very successful and during its most prosperous years employed around 100 people.

The Butler Co. organized in the 1880's, The Marshall Clothing Co., The Fur Products Co., The Higley Printing Co., The Butler Produce and Canning Co., and The Remark Mfg. Co. are the present leading industries of Butler which furnish much employment, and are experiencing a constant expansion in business. In 1838 the United Milk Products Co. erected a large plant in Butler for the handling of their products. This plant furnishes the farming community with an easy and profitable outlet for the product of their dairies, dairying being one of the chief pursuits of this agricultural section.

From its beginning until the sewer was laid in 1908 the town was very poorly drained, the east end of town especially being subjected to frequent floods so severe that water arose in some dwellings.

Until the pavement was laid in 1910 the streets were in a bad condition. In the spring of the year especially, they often became so muddy as to be almost impassable. The first sidewalks built in the town were of boards and plank, and these were a source of much clatter and constant upkeep. and fraught with some danger to pedestrians. About 1900 these sidewalks in both the business and residential districts were replaced with concrete.

In 1908 more than three miles of sanitary sewerage was laid which took care of the drainage situation, and at intervals since then about four miles of paving has greatly improved the appearance and utility of the streets.

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From its beginning as a pioneer village Butler has experienced a growth and civic improvement which compares favorably with and has surpassed that of many towns of its class, and while the history of its century of existence could doubtless be extended somewhat with interest, the writers believe that the high lights have been set forth and now offer this sketch to the perusal, and it is hoped, the good wishes of its readers.

We wish to express our appreciation to Mrs. Ruth Fuller and to Mr. Benj. F. Grogg for the use of old DeKalb County Histories owned by them; for the effort of the late J. A. Barber in leaving his History of Butler and Vicinity which has been a valuable reference, and to all those who have given information which has made this history possible.

Looking Back Over the Century

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felter grocery. Jeff N. Boyle engaged in real estate business. Capp Bros. opened a meat market on the west side of Broadway, 1888.

George W. Geddes, (who in 1880 began as an apprentice for Dr. M. Bolan at age of 16) purchased drug store of I. D. Lane, 1898 . (Present location). He was engaged in drug business longer than any one in County at time of his death.

Ida Hose now deceased and who had spent most of her life in and around Butler (received her education in Butler schools, also a teacher) relates how she came to town when streets were so muddy that the horse could hardly pull the buggy.

Jerry Barber, deceased, remembered attending a political meeting with his father in the first frame school building.

A. W. Seltenright erected most of the brick buildings in Butler and vicinity.

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The first person born was Henry C. Cherry, December, 1841.

The first marriage was that of Amasa Smith to Amelia Norris, the ceremony being performed by Elder Cherry. Miss Norris was one of Norristown's first school teachers.

Ballinger's Hall located on the present site of the library was built by a Mr. Ballinger (a painter). At first it was only one story high and he had a paint shop. Later he added another story and that was used for Public meetings. He then had a grocery in connection with the paint shop on the first floor.

In 1858 Simon Stiefel started a Miscellaneous Shop.

J. W. John operated a harness shop (Wm. Mutzfeld apprentice).

The first business section of Butler was on Main Street, east of Broadway.

The early residential district was chiefly along East Main and North Broadway. Many of the buildings are still standing, but have undergone many alterations, the latest being Dr. Hathaway's new office.

East Main St. was a corduroy road in the early days.

Early attorneys were Abner Pincheon, A. Baxter, C. Coats and Fosdick.

The Otis planing mill was first run by treadmill.

Isaac Daily had a blacksmith shop on site of Dairy Bar. In later years it was run by Charles Hiner.

Jerry North had a cooper shop back of present monument works.

Prior to the building of the Wabash railroad Butler had a fair. The railroad crossed the race tracks and no more fairs were held in Butler after that.

The Butler baseball park was located southeast of Butler Co. until the Athletic Field was established.

Heading of one of Butler's early papers: The Herald—A weekly Journal of Literary, Scientific, commercial and Agricultural Intelligence. Wm. T. Kimsey Co. (1866). July 20, 1866—List of Advertisers—Howard and Tay, I. Fisher, M. S. Rose, S. Rogers, Stoy and Dunkle, Sinclair and Co.

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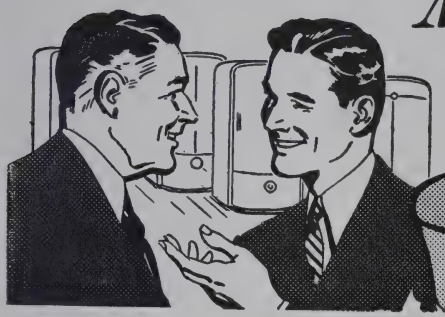

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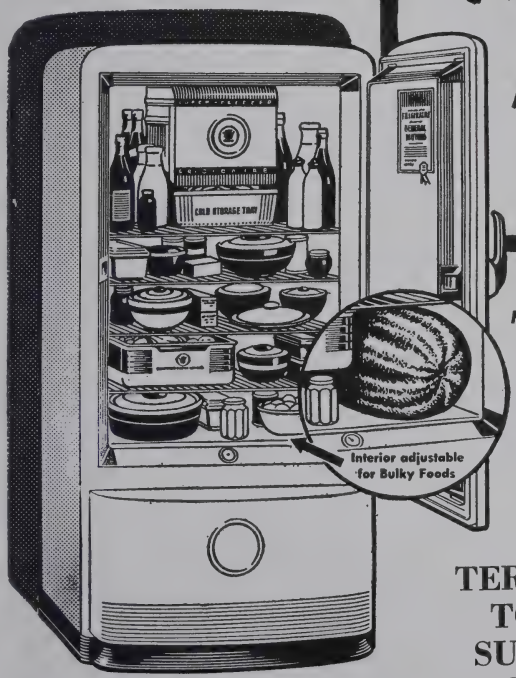

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Drug advertisements, 1866. The Herald—Whiskers and Mustaches forced to grow upon the smoothest face in from 3 to 5 weeks by using Dr. Sevigne's Restauratuer Capilliar.

BUTLER REVIEW

D. B. Sherwood, Editor and Proprietor 1876

Official Directory—Village and Township Officers — Justices: John A. Campbell, George W. Swarts, George Pugsley, David Fay. Treasurer: Isaac Ochs. Clerk: Hambright Reese. Marshall: William Tomlinson. Assessor: Elihu Ocher. Constables: Peter S. Kester, Joseph Oberlin. Civil Trustees: James J. Rank, Samuel Greenamyer, Johathan Hazlett. Postmaster: William Carpenter. School Board: William L. Blair, John R. Snively, Lewis Planson.

Churches and Sabbath-Schools—Methodist Episcopal—Rev. N. T. Peddycord; Lutheran—Rev. N. N. Morris; Christian—Rev. T. P. Sutton. Superintendents of Sabbath Schools—Methodist Episcopal—David M'Curdy; Lutheran—N. N. Morris; Christian—J. R. Snively.

Taken from "The Herald", Butler, June 22, 1866—A meeting to take into consideration and organize a "Navigation Company", is to be held at Newville, in this county on Saturday, June 23rd, 1866, at one o'clock P. M., for the purpose of making the St. Jo River navigable from Fort Wayne to Newville, and all persons interested in the enterprise, are requested to be present at the meeting. It is thought that if united effort be made in this direction that in less than one year steam canal boats will be plying between these two points.

Fourth of July Celebration, July 4, 1866. Order of the Day. National salute of 36 guns at Sunrise. The procession will form at 9½ o'clock a. m. in front of the Butler House on Broadway, then march through Broadway to Liberty Street, then along Liberty Street to East Street to North Street, then along North Street to the grove.

The procession to be formed in the following order, under the direction of Chief Marshall, W. H. Twitchell: 1st, The Soldiers of 1812; 2nd, The Soldiers of the last war; 3rd, The order of Good Templars dressed in their Regalia; 4th, The Citizens. Officers of the Day—Pres., C. W. Husselman of Franklin, D. D. Knisely of Troy, Joseph Rex of Newville, Chaplain, Rev. Henderson.

Market Butler 1866—Wheat $2.00 a bu., corn 40c a bu. oats 38c a bu., beans $1.25 a bu., flour $5.00 per cwt., clover seed $5.00 a bu., butter 25c a lb., cheese 15c a lb., lard 12c a lb., tallow 12c a lb., eggs 12c a doz., wool 30c a lb., hogs (live) cwt $6.00, apples (dried) 12c a lb.

Market Butler 1873—Beeves choice 11½, common 9c; Hogs (dressed) 7c, common 5½c; Wheat $1.65 a bu.; Corn 64c a bu.; Oats 47c a bu.; Butter 28c a lb.

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ried to Josie McCarter in 1880, a native of Kewaunee. He was also a member of the DeKalb County Medical Society.

DR. JOSEPH D. KENESTRICK

Dr. Kenestrick was a native of Crawford County, Ohio, born January 31, 1853. He was the son of John Kenestrick of Troy township, who came to DeKalb County with his family in the spring of 1864. He was educated at the Butler High School and Fort Wayne University. He began the study of medicine under Drs. W. H. Myres and H. A. Clark, of the Fort Wayne Medical College and graduated from that institute in 1878. He practiced one year in the St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne and in 1880 went to Cincinnati and received the Ad eundem degree from the Ohio Medical College. He then located at Angola, Steuben County, and practiced three years with Dr. Hugh D. Wood and in the spring of 1884 removed to Butler where he built up a large practice. He was a member of the American Medical Association, the Northeastern Indiana Medical Society and the Indiana State Medical Society. He had a great fondness for the natural sciences and classic literature. A man of strong religious convictions he had often been heard to remark that "a reasonable faith in the eternal order of the universe and a fond hope in the immortality of the soul is the best creed known to man."

DR. J. S. BARNETT

Dr. J. S. Barnett came from Auglaize County Ohio. He was the brother of the Rev. W. C. Barnett second Minister of the Lutheran Church.

DR. H. LILY

H. Lily, M. D., practiced early in Butler and was very successful. He was a homeopathic M. D.

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Dr. Sawyer was here in 1837 and practiced at Oak Hill.

DR. M. ACKER

Dr. Acker was born in Fayette, Ohio. He came to Butler in 1901, however only practiced here a short time. He returned to Fayette, Ohio where he later died.

DR. A. D. MILLER

Dr. Miller practiced in Butler only a short time, having been killed in an accident.

DR. SAMUEL

Dr. Samuel located in Butler sometime between 1915 and 1916. He lived and practiced where the Walker Studio and Beauty Shop is. He practiced here for a number of years and then moved to Zanesville, Ohio where he is now specializing in Ear, Eye, Nose, and Throat diseases.

DR. CARPENTER

Dr. Carpenter was one of the earlier Doctors practicing in Butler. He built the house where Mrs. D. A. Baker now lives.

DR. WM. FRANKLIN SHUMAKER

Dr. Wm. Franklin Shumaker was born in 1865 in Henry County, Ohio. He was educated in Henry County schools and Fayette Normal school. He taught school between terms. His later education was at Starling Medical College, Columbus and at Western Reserve. He had an excellent education, seven years of college work. He started practicing with Dr. Theodore Wood at Metz, his bride accompanying him. After about one year he moved to Butler, in 1893, taking the office of Dr. Barnett, deceased, at the location of the Ford Garage.

A year later he removed to the home where Mrs. Wm. Wilson now lives. All of his family were born here. He died in 1939. His practice was extensive. His convictions were positive. He was for years Health Commissioner of Butler. At all times he was intensively interested in anything new and was most regular attendant at Medical Society meetings. He was a member of the American Medical Association, Indiana State Medical Society, Northeastern Indiana Academy of Medicine and the County Society of the Tri-State Medical Society.

DR. FRED WALTER FANNING

Dr. Fred Walter Fanning was born at Belleville, Ontario, Canada, October 6, 1841 and died at Butler October 26, 1906. He was of Norse ancestory. At sixteen years of age he graduated from the Commercial College of Coburg, Ontario.

He was married to Carrie Meyers July 31, 1862 at which time he took up the study of medicine at the University of Michigan, graduating with the highest honors of his class in 1867. He began practice at Beaver Dam, Ohio. In 1869 he removed to Butler, Indiana. He was appointed by President Harrison and reappointed by President McKinley and Teddy Roosevelt, as examiner on the pension board. He was a good Doctor. He delivered many babies and enjoyed a busy practice. Dr. Fanning was a charter member of the DeKalb County Medical Society, Wabash Railroad Surgeon's Association and International Association of Railway Surgeons.

DR. HARRY R. FARNHAM

Dr. Farnham was born at Edgerton, Ohio in 1878. He was the son of E. A. Farnham. He received his early schooling at Edgerton, Ohio. He then went to Ohio State University. Later he went to North Western University and studied Law after which he took up Medicine as his life profession. He started practicing at St. Joe, Indiana where he practiced for several years. He then moved to Butler where he practiced five or six years. He then moved to South Bend, Indiana where he practiced until he was forced to discontinue due to poor health.

DR. ALBERT A. KRAMER

Dr. Albert A. Kramer was born in the state of Ohio on October 27, 1879. He was the son of Michael E. and Kathryn Christoffel Kramer. Dr. Kramer attended the common schools of his native community in Ohio, completing his elementary studies in the high school at Edgerton, Ohio. He then spent two years in the Normal School at Angola. Having then determined to make the practice of medicine his life work, he then entered the medical department of the Indiana State University where he was graduated in 1907 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He then served a year as interne at the dispensary of the State College of Physicians and Surgeons and later at the Indiana University hospital at Indianapolis and at the end of that period came to Butler in 1907 and engaged in a practice here for twelve years leaving Butler in 1919, going to South Bend, Indiana where he now has a very good practice.

DR. FRANK DU VERNEY FANNING

Dr. Frank Fanning was born in Butler, Indiana, May 4, 1873 and died January 16, 1933 of pneumonia. He graduated from Butler High School in 1891. He then entered University of Michigan that fall where he spent three years. He took his M. D. degree from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Chicago in 1897.

Dr. Fanning practiced with his father until 1906 then on his father's death he practiced alone. He was very successful and had a wide and busy practice. He was particularly active in the K. P. Lodge whose Drill Team he was captain of for twenty years.

DR. K. E. CASPERSON

Dr. K. E. Casperson was educated at the University of Iowa and took his interneship at Chi-

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cago for one year and at the St. Joseph Hospital at Fort Wayne for one year.

He came to Butler in July of 1926 and started his practice above Oberlin's Grocery Store, now occupied by Roy Oberlin. He resided here until October of 1928, when he moved his family to Los Angeles, California. He is now with the Emergency Ambulance of Los Angeles employed by the city.

DR. LYNN H. HARRISON

Dr. Lynn H. Harrison was born April 26, 1871 at Ai, Fulton County, Ohio. His parents moved to Fayette, Ohio when he was a small boy. He graduated from the Fayette Normal School and then took up the study of medicine at the Detroit College of Medicine and in 1895 graduated from the Barnes Medical College at St. Louis, Missouri. He began the practice of medicine at Fairfield, Michigan and later practiced at Canandaigua, Michigan where he was united in marriage to Effie A. Baldwin. In 1901 he came to Butler, Indiana where he practiced until his death February 22, 1935. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and the O. E. S. and of the Knights Templar Commandery at Kendallville, Indiana. He was also a member of the DeKalb Medical Society.

DR. C. B. HATHAWAY

Dr. C. B. Hathaway was born at St. Joe, Indiana July 22, 1900. He attended the common schools of St. Joe. In 1922 he received his A. B. from Wittenberg College. In the summer of 1923 he took Post Graduate work at the University of Chicago. He then entered the Indiana University School of Medicine and in 1928 he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine. In 1928 and 1929 he did interne work and 1929 and 1930 Residence Surgery at the City Hospital in Indianapolis. In August, 1930 he started practicing Medicine in Butler and has practiced here since that time.

DR. CHARLES I. WEIRICH

Dr. Weirich was born in Ossian, Indiana, June 13, 1909. With his parents he moved to Fort Wayne in 1917 where he entered the public schools, graduating from South Side High School in 1926. He entered Indiana University in the fall of the same year where he became a member of the Kappa Sigma social fraternity. He served his interneship at the St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. On February 1, 1933, Dr. Weirich began his practice in Butler.

The first organization of Doctors of the DeKalb County Society occurred on July 27, 1882 at the home of Dr. W. P. Carpenter in the city of Butler. His home was the D. A. Baker home on West Oak St. Doctors for Butler at

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Some of the other early Doctors who practiced in Butler were Drs. Anderson, Kester, Horton, Strong, and Boland; also Dr. Hoopengartner, who lived and practiced where Dr. C. B. Hathaway has his office. Dr. Murphy practiced in Dr. Harrison's office several months after the latter's death.

The Progress of Education

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The Teachers

Edward M. Teeple ..... Superintendent
Prof, F. A. Brink .... Principal of High School
Miss Hattie E. Porter .....
..... Teacher of A Grammar School
Miss Amelia D. Kester .....
..... Teacher of B Grammar School
Miss Mary M. Brundage .....
..... Teacher of A Primary School
Miss Eva E. Kenestrick .....
..... Teacher of B Primary School
Mrs. Helen Baxter .....
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Commencement

The commencement of the class of '88 was held at Hirschler's opera house, Tuesday May 22d, 1888. The program was as follows:

Orchestra

Invocation ..... Rev. W. Diffenbach
Solo—"Why don't You Come Again" .....
..... Lou Harding
Salutatory ..... Minnie Uhlam
Oration—"Concentration of Unity of Purpose"
..... Joan H. W. Krontz
Oration—"It Must Have Been" .....
..... Naomi A. Baxter
Duet—"Then Alone" .....
..... Mrs. Stokes, Mrs. Wallingford
Oration—Self-Reliance .....
..... Charles H. Lingenfelter
Oration—My Mother's Aprin String .....
..... Minnie Uhlam
Quartette—"Greetings to Spring" .....
Mrs. Wallingford, Hayes, Stokes, Miss Byer
Presentation of Diplomas and Awardal of Class
Honors ..... E. M. Teeple

Orchestra

Valedictory ..... C. H Lingenfelter
Benediction ..... Rev. A. Cone

With the opening of school in September 1900 a change was made in the organization of the high school. Heretofore the unit was the year and four years of prescribed work required for graduation. At this time the credit system was introduced which allowed flexibility both as to time and to subject. Thirty-two credits or four years of four studies a year were required for graduation. Strong students could complete the work in a shorter time and weaker students would require a longer time. By credit was meant the satisfactory completion of the work in a particular subject for one-half year. This same scheme of evaluating high school courses is used at the present time. The Course of Study, as outlined in the first high school annual, The Tropaeum, published in 1900, included four years of Mathematics, four years in History, four years in English, four years in Latin, five years in Science, two years in German, and two years in Greek. Mr. C. W. Kimmel was superintendent and Mr. Claude Belts was the principal. It is interesting to note that the Baccalaureate and Commencement Programs were the same at that time rather than two separate, distinct programs as at the present time. The following is a copy of the Program of Commencement for 1900.

Program

Overture—Poet and Peasant—Von Suppe ....
..... Misses Upp and Masters
Invocation ..... Rev. T. F. Frech
Music—"Charge of the Ihlans Bohm" .....
..... Misses Mastersand Upp
Baccalaureate Address, Hon. Henry M. Pettengil
Music—"Electric Storm" .....
..... Misses Masters and Upp
Presentation of Diplomas
Benediction ..... Rev. E. E. Neibel

The second building on the present school premises was erected in 1905. Some fifteen years previously an annex had been built to the three-story building. This annex was to the north and had two rooms. When the three-story building was torn down the annex was left and was used by the primary grades. The members of the Board of Education were Samuel G. Stone, Edward B. Dunten, and Abraham Garber. This building was the first one to be heated with a furnace. The others were heated by stoves. The upper floor was used by the high school and upper grades and the lower floor by the intermediate grades. In 1924 the annex was torn down and a separate building erected for the high school. On the Board of Education at that time were Charles A. Husselman, Ora C. Waterman, and L. H. Higley. This building included the first gymnasium provided by the school. From this time on the high school grew rapidly until in 1929 it had 143 students. In 1930 the school was granted a First Class Commission by the State Department of Public Instruction and was admitted into the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools which is the highest accrediting agency in the north central states. The course of study was broadened to include Commercial and Vocational Courses and special emphasis was placed upon the extra-curricular pro-

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gram of the school. The Music Department was strengthened and interest developed in Band and Orchestra. The enrollment grew rapidly and in 1935 many eventful things happened.

It was on May 6, 1935 that a portion of the elementary building was destroyed by fire and had to be replaced. It was this year that school busses were first used to transport the rural boys and girls to high school and it was this year that textbooks were first furnished free in the elementary school and rented to high school students. The high school band brought recognition to the school by winning first place among the high schools of the state. All of this so increased the interest in Butler High School that it was necessary to build an additional high school building to care for the ever increasing enrollment which now numbered almost two hundred fifty. This new building was erected in 1936 and comprises a large and modern gymnasium and the very latest in primary room construction. During all this period Jesse O. Oberlin, Harry B. Miller, and Lyston C. Harding were members of the Board of Education. John Paul Price the present superintendent came to Butler in 1929 and has seen the school grow until it now ranks among the best to be found anywhere. A large electric-lighted athletic field is near by and a summer-time playground program is maintained and supervised by the school. Many successful leaders in the field of Science, Industry, the Arts, Ministry, the Professional and Business World are graduates of Butler High School and more than one-fourth of them returned on January 11, 1940 to relive their experiences of other days at the first Home-Coming of the school.

A Glance at the Near-Pioneers

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came all obstacles and secured for themselves a good home. He was the constable of his township for four years.

Peter Grube, was a native of Bavaria, Germany, born December 26, 1804. In the spring of 1836 Mr. and Mrs. Grube came to the United States and lived the first two years in New York City, in 1838, moved to Stark County, Ohio, and in 1844 came to DeKalb County. Mr. Grube has been a man of almost unlimited endurance. He often walked to Auburn and return, a distance of twenty-nine miles. He worked on his farm in the daytime and at weaving in the evening.

John Jacob Gunsenhouser was born May 28, 1806 in Switzerland and came to the United States in 1816. In 1836 he came to DeKalb County from Stark County, Ohio. He was a true pioneer, and has assisted in a large degree in developing and improving DeKalb County. He was married June 14, 1827 to Mary Strole. One son, John enlisted in Company F, Forty-fourth Indiana Infantry, and was appointed captain. He was killed in the battle of Chickamauga.

Simeon J. Aldrich, farmer and stock-raiser, Troy Township, was born, August 4, 1842. He enlisted in Company F, Forty-fourth Indiana Infantry, and served nearly four years. He particiated in the battles of Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Stone River, and Chickamauga. Since his return from the war he engaged in agricultural pursuits.

John Casebeer was born in Virginia, December 24, 1799. When he was eighteen years of age he began to learn the trade of a blacksmith at which he worked the greater part of his life. In 1840 he came to Troy Township and settled near the Indiana and Ohio line. He made cow - bells and maple sugar and traveled over the country with them, sometimes going forty and fifty miles, selling them to farmers for provisions. Mr. Casebeer died, September 4, 1881.

David McCurdy was a native of Ohio, born July 27, 1830, a son of Rev. John McCurdy, of Butler. He came to DeKalb County, with his parents in 1845 and settled in Wilmington Township. He was married to Jemima Casebeer in 1853. Mr. and Mrs. McCurdy lived in Stafford Township till 1876, and then moved to Troy Township. He died January 14, 1885.

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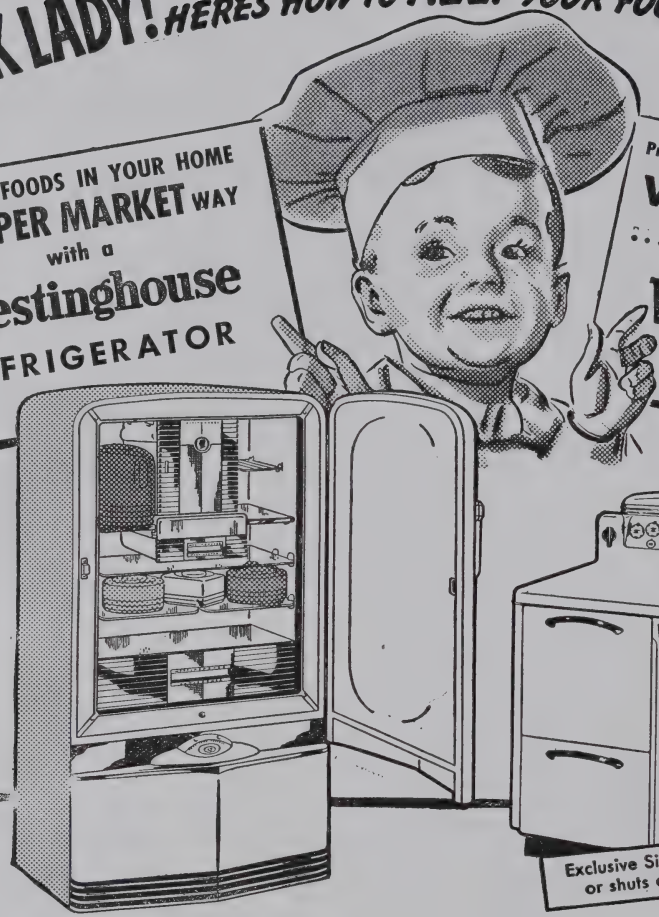

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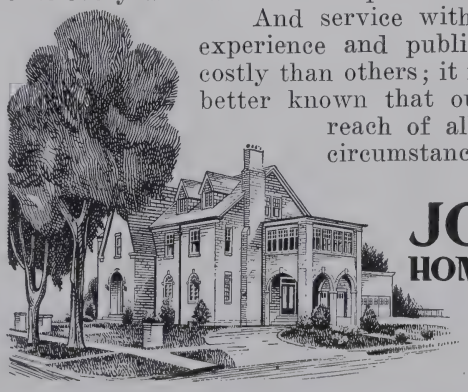

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Peter Jennings was born in Hunterdon County, N. J., September 13, 1802. In 1821 he left his native county and with his parents moved to Tuscarawas County, Ohio. The year of 1843 he came to DeKalb County, Indiana and settled on the land where he resided most of his life.

George B. Souder, was born in Perry County, Ohio, June 30, 1846. He came to DeKalb County in 1874. Mr. Souder was the first man to introduce drain tiling in his neighborhood. He was an enterprising, progressive citizen and assisted any project and adopted any improvement that promised benefit to his country.

Abraham Eakright was born in Wayne County, Ohio, December 30, 1827. In 1836 they moved to DeKalb County, and settled in Wilmington Township where he died in 1852. When the family first moved to DeKalb County their only neighbors were Indians, and it was eighteen months before Mrs. Eakright saw a white woman. Their trading point was Fort Wayne or Lima, reaching the former place by pirogue on the river.

Jacob Ginder was born near the city of Worms, Germany, November 6, 1822. In 1833 he came to the United States and 1854 to DeKalb County settling on the northwest corner of Wilmington Township. He ran an ashery three years on his farm in company with Elias Fisher. When Mr. Ginder was married he did not have money enough to pay the Squire, but chopped wood for him for the fee.

Edward Kraft was born in Baden, Germany, March 3, 1835. He came to the United States in 1850 and lived one year in Richland County, Ohio. Then came to DeKalb County in 1851. He was engaged extensively in stock raising.

William Krontz son of John Krontz one of the pioneers of DeKalb County, was born on March 5, 1844 in Wilmington Township. In the year 1862 he enlisted in Company A, Eighty-eighth Indiana Infantry and served nearly three years, participating in the battles of Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Mission Ridge, Atlanta, and with Sherman to the sea.

Hugh Maxwell was born May 28, 1806 Mercer County Pa. After he was twenty-one years of age, he learned the blacksmith trade. In 1837 he came to Indiana and entered land on section 34, Wilmington Township, and in 1842 moved his family to it. He was a hardworking man and cleared his land of timber and made it one of the best farms in the county.

Thomas H. Mitchell was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, October 10, 1818 and died Octo-

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ber 23, 1860. He was married May 22, 1844 to Rebecca Knisely and came to DeKalb Co. 1853. He taught school and devoted his summers to agricultural pursuits.

Philip B. Nimmons was born in Broone County, N. Y., March 24, 1817. In 1844 Mr. Nimmons came to DeKalb County and settled in Wilmington Township. He paid his last dollar for fruit trees and exchanged his sheep for provisions, and in that way began life in the wilderness. Mr. Nimmons never sought official honors, but he served two terms as Justice of the Peace, and five or six years as Township Trustee.

Jesse W. Rose was born in Trumbull County Ohio, March 29, 1818 and moved to Stafford Township DeKalb County in 1836. Their nearest market was Fort Wayne and Rev. Ladd Thomas would preach on Sunday and sell groceries to his people during the week. Mr. Rose served as clerk ten years, and treasurer two years.

John J. Oberlin was born in Summit County Ohio, May 4, 1847. John J. Oberlin was reared on a farmstead in Ohio, and received his educational training in the common schools. He finished his education in the high school at Manchester, Ohio, and at the age of eighteen years began teaching school. He followed this career for twenty-two terms in Ohio and in 1872 came to DeKalb County. Mr. Oberlin here operated a farm south of Butler, taught school and 1893 was appointed postmaster of Butler. He held many county offices in DeKalb County and in 1898 opened a general merchantile business in Butler. Today this business is operated by his sons.

Thomas Rudd was born in Bellevue, Ohio, April 30, 1854, a son of John W. and Mary (Wolcott) Rudd natives of Devonshire, England, who emigrated to America in 1852 and settled in Ohio, where his father died in 1863. In 1880, he came to Butler and established a meat market. He served as Butler's postmaster, later was connected with the Butler Public Library.

Nicholas F. Gengnagel was born in Germany April 6, 1821. He came to America at 25 years of age. In 1848 he and his family moved from Pittsburg to Winesburg, Homes County, Ohio. In 1854 he went to California during the gold rush returning two years later. The Gengnagel family came to Butler in 1866.

L. C. Harding was born in Steuben County, Indiana, in 1873, the son of William and Mary (Andrews) Harding. William and Mary Harding were among the early settlers of Steuben County. The father was engaged in the mercantile business in Fremont. Mr. Harding re-

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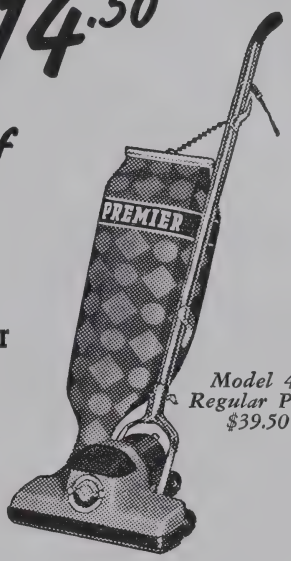

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ceived a good common school education, which was supplemented by a course in a business college, where he gained a special training for the lines of activity which he followed in later life. He accepted a position in the T. J. Knisely Bank and later became head of the Butler Co.

Luther H. Higley was born in Butler, Ind., October 30, 1867. He was the owner of the Butler Record. Mr. Higley graduated from a scientific course in the Fayette Normal School. After completing his teacher training course, he became assistant principal of the Butler schools. In addition to the local paper that Mr. Higley conducted, a very good printing business in the field of religious publications was added. Today the plant that publishes this material is one of the largest of its kind in the United States.

A. S. Powers was born in Clay County, Kansas, on April 27, 1876, and is the son of Charles Henry and Nancy (Diamond) Powers, the former a native of New York State and the latter of Pennsylvania. A. S. Powers received his education in the common schools of Allen County and today is the editor of the Butler Record Herald, a paper of much merit. He is assisted by his son Burdett, who has developed his own picture service which is unique for a paper serving so small a community.

Conrad Gehring came to Jarvis (Butler) from Hamburg, Pa, in 1865. He brought his family in 1866 and settled in the Lallie Rutter home which was located on William Capp's present farm. In 1866 he built a log home on the present home site. He with Henry Lindorfer (his brother-in-law), owned and operated the first brick yard in the village. About 1867 he started an ashery in which he made potash, disposing of it to a New York firm.

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his face last week all on account of being grandpa. Charley Dohner's have a little boy. They named it George Issac for its two grandpas.

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Benton Beard and wife and Peter Teutsch and wife were the guests of Christian Teutsch and wife, last Sunday.

The Christian Endeavor Society will give an entertainment, "Parson Poor's Donation Party," at the Christian church next Wednesday evening. Admission 10 cents.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Parson Poor ..... Arthur Haley
Mrs. Poor ..... Bessie Stewart
Lucy Poor ..... Grace Edwards
Peter Poor ..... Arthur Shaw
Deacon Plonkett ..... John Krontz

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Are We Saving Any Money?

THRIFT is becoming a lost art. Too many of us have saved little or no money, and besides having no back-log of savings, we owe next week's or next month's salary for things we have already bought.

Is it because people make less money than they used to in terms of what it will buy? No, that is not the answer. Statistics show that most Americans are making more money today in terms of what it will buy than ever before.

What is the answer? Simply this, that too many of us want everything we can buy with the income we make, and are willing to forego savings in order to have those things that we want. That philosophy is fine so long as the pay checks are regular, but it has an unhappy ending. Learned men throughout every age have preached the practice of thrift. The soundness of saving money, even in small amounts, cannot be questioned.

Someone's savings have started every business, every insurance company, every bank, every farm. Personal savings invested in a business, in insurance, in good bonds, in real estate, or kept in cash is the only dependable social security. But, you ask, why should I save at this particular time? Business is good and work will probably be plentiful for two or three years. I want a new car, a new refrigerator, a new radio, an addition to my house, new furniture. I've waited several years for these things and now my income is sufficient to support the payments on these purchases. Why not buy now? There are two reasons:

First, if a majority of people rush into the present market with their increased incomes and start to buy the thousands of articles that they want, the inevitable result is an increase in all prices. We will then buy less with the dollars we earn. Remember 1928 and 1929? That is what happened then. Prices sky-rocketed and although wages were high, we could buy only a normal amount of commodities. That was inflation. To avoid inflation the demand for commodities must not increase above normal, or at least the rate of increase in demand must be slow. The demand for defense materials will of itself cause some inflation, but if we add to the defense purchases an increased demand for consumer products, then we will have inflation spelled with a capital "I".

Second, good times never last forever and it is the opinion of most economists that our present increase in business is based almost wholly on war orders, which at best is a poor foundation for good business. The present cycle of business increase may last for several years—but after that, what? That depends upon how millions of us handle our financial affairs from now until the next recession sets in. If most of us spend all we earn, then we will pay high prices for everything we buy and when the recession starts we will have no back-log to cushion the shock. We will try to borrow money and no one will loan it, except at high interest rates. We will ask for direct relief and social security, but there will be insufficient taxes to pay adequate benefits. The Government will try to make work through WPA and other pump priming methods which will only lead us into greater debt.

Although we all like to pass our troubles on to the Government, and silver tongued politicians promise the moon if we but elect them to public office, still the problem will remain an individual one. If everyone exerts his best efforts to take care of himself and his own family by working hard, practicing thrift and saving as much money as possible; by trying to give something to our country rather than always trying to get something; then our troubles will be materially lessened when the inevitable recession hits us.

Maybe its time to quit condemning the system and start placing the blame for most of our economic ills on ourselves. The American system may not be perfect, but we must admit that its principles, based on hard work, thrift, ambition and free enterprise, have produced the strongest and happiest nation in the world. But, remember this, the American system has been successful only because most Americans demanded the right—to manage their own affairs and shoulder their own individual responsibilities.

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Widow Sharp ..... Mildred Wanamaker

Parishioner's Children

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Helen Crider ..... Clela Funk
Etta Fanning ..... Belle Murphy
Frank Eviston ..... Tom Maxwell

FRANKLIN CENTER

The Misses Gertie and Bertha Kepler and Lulu Farley, of Hamilton, paid the Murch family a very pleasant visit Saturday evening and Sunday. We enjoyed their stay as the girls are lovely singers, we truly think Lulu enjoyed the coasting.

The Twp. Literary Society met at the home of R. Murch's last Friday night. The cold night and rough roads did not discourage the members, as the crowd numbered to 50. Our literary was a grand success in every way, the essay and recitations were excellent. We are glad to see the parents interested in this work that will encourage their children.

Loren Knisely and Robert Abrams are home from the Ada, Ohio college to spend the holidays.

Married, at the home of the bride's parents, in Franklin Twp. Thursday Dec. 16, 1897, Miss Viola Oberlin and Richard H. Platt, Rev. J. H. Wagoner, officiating.

A. L. Vernier was in Toledo and Fayette, O., on business the first of the week.

A flock of quails were in T. J. Knisely's lawn and Ora Knisely, Ott Gengnagel and Charley Capp got their .22's and killed some. Frank Brink reported them to the Game Warden and they were fined $2.00 and costs each. We hardly think the boys will try this again.

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Ferguson & Wingaugh — Publishers

Mr. George Boots, of Toledo, was in Butler on business last week, and was guest of T. J. Knisely and family.

Clarence Croninger spent Sunday at Montpelier, Ohio, the guest of a lady friend.

Rev. Drash having accepted a call from the Church of Christ at Butler will enter upon his duties as pastor next Sunday morning at 10:30 A. M. Come and hear him.

We carry a complete line of the best Coffee on the market. The Oberlin Grocery Co.

The party who took a blanket out of the buggy that stood back of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern depot last Saturday evening, had better leave it at E. W. Imhoff's tobacco store to save further trouble, as the party is known.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Knisely entertained at a 5:30 dinner Monday, October 1, in honor of Mrs. R. M. Stewart of Elkart, Indiana. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brown, Mrs.

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Boyer, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Brown, Mrs. Eva Kenestrick and Miss Mildred, Mr. and Mrs. Ora Knisely, and Mrs. and Mrs. L. C. Harding, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Tess, Harold and Ethel.

A. F. McCloe, will hold services Sunday as follows: Big Run, at 10:30 A. M., Mount Pleasant, 3:00 P. M. Butler 7:00 P. M.

Uncle Noah Showalter and grand-daughter, Miss Nora Showalter, started Monday night for a trip east, and will visit for time at different points.

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MACCABBEE INSTALLATION

The following officers were installed:—

Commander — Geo. C. Bechtol
Lieut. Commander — C. A. Newman
R. K. — R. Stevens
Finance Keeper — J. C. Brown
Chaplain — Geo. Greenwald
Physician — Dr. W. F. Shumaker
Sargent — Jesse O. Oberlin
Master at Arms — Fred Elliott
1st M. of G. — Claude Tyson
2nd M. of G. — Fred Bloom
Sentinel — John Cooper
Picket — John R. Mickey

FOR SALE — 200 cords of hard wood. See Charles Madden or M. A. Bowman.

We hear John Topper mentioned as a possible nominee for town marshal. John will try hard to be elected if nominated.

Frank Stump, Wesley Showalter, Corma Bordner, Ed Karl, Fred Gengnagel, Wm. Holtzburg, Wm. Murfitt, and Willis Bordner went to Montpelier, Ohio, Wednesday night to Masonic lodge. They report that the Montpelier boys know how to entertain as well as do their work.

Clem Mitchell got up a surprise party on his wife last Wednesday it being her birthday. About 25 relatives and friends were invited and they had a big dinner and quite a number of presents were brought. A good time is reported.

Chas. Capp is making some improvements of his residence.

Blaine Snepp came home from Auburn to spend Sunday.

Butler looked like a western town this week. The farmers come to town on horse back now.

J. C. Baker and wife visited over Sunday in Waterloo, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. Arthur.

Charles Wagoner has traded his commodious home on North street for Dr. Shumaker's farm which joins Butler, and will move on the same the first of April.

We hear that Earl Deck has invented a new way for making basket rims. The boys at the factory are considerably excited over it and agree that it ought to be patented.

Mr. Seltenright is preparing the plans and specifications for the new No. 2 Wilmington

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schoool house, and bids will be advertised for soon. It will be a modern building and quite an improvement over the old one.

The new Editor of the Dispatch is throwing out hints that DeKalb Co., ought to have a new court house. A little bit fresh, you are Bro. Buchanan. The county has just recently got out of debt, now don't run it into debt right away again.

Bargains in all kinds of dried fruits, peaches, appricots, plums, raisins, etc., at Morse & Co.

We guarantee a fit in any made to measure suits we sell. Prices from $8.50 up to $15.00 samples to select from.

J. C. BROWN & SON

The City of Butler! How does that sound? It will sound a great deal better in a few years when we get a good sewer, paved streets, an electric line, a big beet sugar factory, etc, etc. All these are in sight and if our people keep right on working together for the welfare of the town, we will soon have a little city to be proud of.

Now let Butler people lay aside old differences and work together for the interest of our city and we will prosper as never before. Let us lay aside the political cat-hauling. Let each party seek to nominate a good ticket and then let the people take their choice of the men without any bitter fights.

Miss Cora Ames has returned from her trip in the East where she has been in the interest of the Elden Millinery department.

Mrs. C. D. Chambers and daughter Ruth made a business trip to Toledo the fore part of the week.

Miss Cleo Boyle, of Butler, who is now in Bloomington will attend the T. S. N. C. next term. - Angola Magnet.

Delicious White Star coffee, the cheapest and the best at the Oberlin Grocery.

The Butler Co. is building a new office room on the south of their present office room and will use the other to enlarge the shop.

Mrs. D. M. Hiner is visiting her daughter Mrs. Ed Graf in Chicago. s

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Miss Sadie Bryant is spending her vacation at her home near Butler.

Miss Maude Thurston of Montpelier spent Sunday with Miss Clara Haines.

FOR SALE — Duck and Geese feathers by FARNSWORTH & McMORGAN.

D. A. Freeburn, wife and son Glenn spent Thursday with his brother near Newville.

King Oberlin of Auburn spent Wednesday with his cousin Roscoe Livergood.

Born to Will Creager and wife, March 31, 1903, a girl.

Do you want coal ashes? Then call at the Butler Steam Laundry.

Ethel Latson, Beulah Beard and Nellie Bunge are assisting at Elden's Store.

Knisely Bros. & Co. have a notice elsewhere

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in this issue asking for bids on the erection of their new bank block.

Dr. Fanning was allowed $670.00 by the town board for doctoring smallpox patients. It costs like sin to have the smallpox.

Mrs. Mary Campbell, of Chicago is here visiting with her parents S. B. Jones. Her youngest child has been quite sick but is getting better.

K. of P. BANQUET

One of the pleasantest occasions of recent events was the K. of P. banquet set up by the losing side in the contest, Tuesday evening. Their enlarged hall with the tables stretched from one end to the other and provided with ample room to serve the one hundred and fifty people present, presented a fine appearance. Excellent music was furnished by an orchestra composed of J. S. patterson and wife, Millard Stone, Edna Henning, Mrs. Stage, A. U. Vernier, and Daisy Smurr.

Little Miss Lenore Dunton recited and Esta Gengnagel rendered a piano solo. At the close of the banquet Brother Harris of the Christian Church made a neat after dinner speach.

A social visit, "A trip to Jerusalem" etc, furnished amusements.

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Mrs. Charles Hiner has recovered from an illness.

Will Mack and John Shortage took in the excursion to Toledo Tuesday.

Wm. Yates has been appointed rural mail carrier on Route No. 1 out of Butler, but he has not decided yet whether he will take it or not. Wm. Habeldewitz has been appointed for Route No. 2.

Samuel Miller, who owns the old Burget building which was one time the public school building of our town, has had the building raised and a stone wall put under it to make of it a bank barn. It will be perhaps the only bank barn in the corporation not located on a farm.

Cassius Smith and family visited with relatives and friends in Auburn, Sunday.

Gabe Strauss is greatly exited over the results of the city election and seems to think the democrats did things. He is like the fellow that killed the bear.

Henry Stell and family, Ollie Oberlin and family, and Dan Oberlin went to Orangeville fishing one day last week.

L. C. Harding will have one of the most modernly arranged residences in Butler when completed though perhaps not quite so expensive as some.

Mutzfeld Bros. have the largest and best stock of Harnesses in their history, also Eckhart, Kiblinger and Modern Buggies, Wagons, Deering binders and Mowers, Corn planters and cultivators, plows, harrows, etc. See them before buying.

The Troy Township commencement will be held at Wittenberg church, on Friday evening June 5, the graduates are Laura Scott, Ethel Scott,

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Bessie Shoemaker, Rollo Wiley, Bessie Wiley and Carrie Leason.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tomilson, just recently married now occupy the Hager property.

John Krontz was in Auburn this week on business.

O. H. Downey and wife visited with friends in Churubusco over Sunday.

The Misses Mayme and Ida Watson visited in Detroit the first of the week.

Miss Carlotta Moltz of Toledo, Ohio spent Sunday with her relatives in Butler.

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Dr. T. H. Berkey, Dentist, office over the Knisely Dry Goods Co. Store. Home phone 83, Bell 292.

Miss Ethel Goeltzenleuchter, of Edgerton spent a few days with Wm. Richard and family.

Miss Helen Garber will recite for the Troy Twp. Commencement Friday night.

Misses Jemina Troyer and Minnie Dunn spent Thursday evening with friends in Auburn.

Miss Hazel Shaw was awarded first prize for the best plant grown by fourth grade pupils.

Frank Teutsch and wife were the guests of Amos Osburn and wife Sunday.

T. C. Kiser has our thanks for some fine strawberries. They were the nicest we have seen this year.

Wm. Acker and wife, of Fayette, Ohio was the guest of Davis Baker and family Sunday.

Fred McConnell and Miss Essie Wagoner spent the 4th at Cold Springs.

Warren Murch and Miss Iva Firestone drove to Edgerton Monday evening.

Miss Minnie Diehl has returned to Auburn after a few days visit with her parents here.

Beulah Scott, of Edon, Ohio, and Audrey Allimond, of Adrian, Michigan are visiting Miss Bertha Good this week.

Cyril Wilson, Manton Bryant and Guy Apt spent Sunday evening with friends in Waterloo.

Miss Bertha Daily spent last Saturday in Adrian, Michigan.

Amos Snyder moved his family to Butler this week.

The new Butler mail wagons used by our mail carriers, look fine.

Prof. Crawl reports the proceeds of his lecture at the Oberlin Opera house last Thursday night to have been nearly $12. He wishes to heartily thank Mr. Oberlin for the use of the opera house and the friends who attended and gave him such good attention. He expects to go to Michigan and spend the winter with his son.

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Hot baths at W. C. Tomlinson's barber shop. New improvements insure plenty of hot water, always ready.

C. L. Hamilton and family and Mrs. J. G. Hamilton will spend Christmas with the family of A. A. Dawson at Edgerton.

E. V. Campbell and family of Chicago, are

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visiting the families of Edgar Squires and J. A. Campbell.

E. B. Dunten was transacting business in Auburn, Monday.

Miss Lottie Brundage is cashier at the Smith & Co. Store.

Andrew Baxter died at the home of his son Miles in Auburn, Ind., Dec. 18, 1903 aged 90 years, 9 mo. 3 days.

J. M. Brown and family, D. N. E. Brown and wife and Arthur Haley and family are spending Christmas at Hamilton.

The Misses Lulu and Bess Elliott entertained over Sunday the Messers A. M. Long and Edward Downs of Kendallville.

Mrs. H. R. Newton and daughter, Mrs. Jessie Oberlin and little Lucille Oberlin are the guests of W. A. Kerns and wife at Terre Haute. Mrs. Newton expects to stay the remainder of the winter.

The Literary Club met with Mrs. S. G. Stone Monday evening.

Miss Fannie Abrams, of Marquette, Mich., is spending the holidays with her parents.

NOTICE:— water rents are due Jan. 1 and must be paid on or before this date.

CLYDE B. OBERLIN,
City Treasurer.

Jim Eviston is spending the holiday at home with parents and friends.

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Mrs. Henry Sechler and daughter Thelma, spent Sunday with relatives at St. Joe.

Last Friday evening fifteen of Simon Topper's relatives and friends gathered at his home and reminded him of his 59th birthday. He treated them to an oyster supper.

E. C. Miller made a business trip to Chicago and South Bend last week for the Butler Basket Co., and sold several cars of baskets.

Frank Long and Erma Voight, Lawrence Sewell and Florence Mutzfeld and Harry Miller and Besse Davis took in the Majestic theatre at Fort Wayne Sunday evening.

Andrew Fisher jumped off a load of hay that was about to upset as he was coming to town Wednesday, and struck the side of his head on the wagon tire. It struck just right to tear off one of his ears. A doctor sewed the ear on again and he will probably be all right.

An ordinance appears elsewhere in this issue notifying property owners on Main street and Broadway of the intention of the Council to pave streets full length as proposed will make it fine for people coming into and going through Butler, it will not give the people of Butler the service it would if the same amount of paving was divided among several streets. But the Council has so decided after canvassing the thing thoroughly, and "so mote it be."

Mrs. Chloe Firestone and Mrs. Eliza Hallett have returned from a visit with an aunt and an uncle in Wood county, Ohio.

Mrs. Lee Moltz and children of North Liberty, are guests of friends here.

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BUTLER, INDIANA

John Smith and wife and Carl Smith and family were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Zerkle at Auburn.

Miss Caroline Showalter furnished the music for an entertainment given by the Mesdames Bishop and Wigent in Auburn, Tuesday.

Tode Latson wants to know whether we have taken upon ourselves, since he is about to leave, the populating of this town. No indeed, we can't promise a new one for each year.

One of the lovliest dinner parties was given at the home of Mrs. J. N. Boyle on last Saturday, in the nature of a celebration of Washington's natal day. Miss Nora Brown, dressed as Martha Washington greeted each one at the door. The hostesses were Mrs. M. F. Long, Mrs. Chas. Potter and Mrs. J. N. Boyle. At a few minutes past twelve, thirty-eight ladies sat down to the excellent dinner, served in four courses, each course being typical of the day.

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Moving is the order of the day. Amos Osborn is moving to the Mrs. Henry Wilson property on West Main street. Luther Bryan will occupy the Peter Helwig property and E. P. Masters is transferring his residence to Hamilton and Charles Swift to Butler, each exchanging residence in the respective places. Mr. Masters goes to Hamilton to look after a lumber yard in which he recently purchased an interest and Mr. Swift comes to Butler to clerk in the Geddes Drug Store.

The new Agricultural building being erected by Aldrich Bros., is under way and will be a substantial improvement to East Main Street.

Dr. Harrison is making some improvements on his office building. He makes some improvement about every year.

Frank Praul, wife and son, Russell, spent Sunday in Garrett the guest of friends and relatives.

Born to Elmer Sucher and wife a boy, Wednesday, April 13.

Master Huber Knisely is reported a little better at this writing.

Mrs. Jack Patterson and children returned to their home at Garrett Saturday after a visit here with S. G. Stone and family.

The following places of business will be closed the entire day of July 4th. The Oberlin Grocery Co., Preston & Co., L. H. McInturf; M. L. Diehl; Wm. Eldon; G. F. Gengnagel & Son; W. L. Rickey; J. C. Brown & Son; W. R. Holden & Co.; Fred Brindley; J. D. Craun; The Knisely Dry Goods Co.

N. E. Worthington and wife were at Fort Wayne Thursday to attend the Firemen's Convention.

Mrs. William Mutzfeld and son Ralph and Mrs. M. F. Long and son T. M. went to Cold Springs Wednesday for a week.

Sarah Bell Helwig left Wednesday for a visit

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at Washington, D. C., with relatives. She will go to Niagara Falls before returning home.

Ora Waterman, Clyde Shaffer, William Wilson, Walter Mondhank, and T. .A Hoffman spent Wednesday evening at Fort Wayne.

L. C. Harding has resigned from the City Council and Charles Madden has been appointed in his place.

Clark and Helen Hoisington of Adrian, Mich., spent a few days of last week with their grandmother, Mrs. Almira Daily.

Charley Alwood and wife entertained John Alwood, wife and baby and John Alwood Sr., and son Perry to dinner Sunday.

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SERVICE FLAG DEDICATED

Rev. Burns Has Impressive Service at M. E. Church.—A beautiful and impressive service was held at the M. E. Church Sunday morning. The church was decorated with Easter flowers and the U. S. Flag, making a beautiful and appropriate setting for the two services of the day. Just preceding the sermon by Rev. R. J. Burns, the sacred rite of baptism was administered to 18 people and 14 were taken into the church.

In the evening, a special patriotic service was held and a beautiful community service flag with 55 stars was dedicated to the boys of the community who are with the "colors" in France and in cantonments in the U. S. service.

The following program was given:—

Music—S. S. Orchestra.
Lord's Prayer—All.
Song, "Battle Hymn of the Republic."
Music, "Humoreski"—Orchestra.
Vocal Solo, "Keep the Home Fires Burning"—Clyde Bryant.
Talk—Dr. W. F. Shumaker.
Reading, "Old Glory"—Nora Brown.
Short Talk—Wm. Yates, Meade Post G. A. R.
Vocal Solo with orchestra accompaniment, "Over There"—John Sturgis.
Address—Att'y. Wm. P. Endicott.

At this time Rev. Burns gave a short talk, dedicating the flag after which the audience sang one verse of "Star Spangled Banner."

Dr. Shumaker read the following list of names of the boys for whom the flag was dedicated:

Earnest Pearson, Merril Monrow, Chas. Morrow, Lawrence Diehlman, Fred Voight, Chester Houck, Dewey Houck, Roy Beerer, George Moltz, Clarence Jennings, Edward Swift, Earl E. Frisbie, Homer Tinney, Stanley Monroe, Leland Hook, Robert Elden, Heber Farner, Sam Revett, Harvey Phelps, Tom Maxwell, Walter Chilcote, Harold Hoffer, Cecil VanZile, Harold Dohner, Arna Fenstermaker, Kenneth D. Cosper, Andrew Sheline, Carroll Hollinger, Charles Wiley, Guy Cosper, McKinley Lanning, Robert Lanning, Earl E. Eakright, Guy Latson, Dr. Waldo Farnham, Harry Richards, Harry Whitman, Lloyd Clay, Floyd Moore, Harold Kraft, Foster Blaker, Amos Laub, Gust Schramm, Leighton Tombow, Albert Houser, Earl Enzor, John Ackley, Burl Lanning, Ralph Moughler and Maxson Smith.

The service closed with song, "Onward Christian Soldiers." The members of Meade Post G. A. R. and Meade W. R. C. attended the service in a body.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Ginder of near Butler entertained the following guests to an Easter dinner Sunday, March 31, W. M. Krontz and wife, James Grindle, wife and daughter Jessie, M. O. Krontz and wife, Sherman Ginder and wife, R. L. Hollinger, wife and daughter Edith, Andrew Krontz, Ethel Webb, Dessie Baughman and Haidee Krontz. All report a fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lamm and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gengnagel motored to Angola Sunday to attend the Easter service of the Knight Templars. They were guests in the home of Prof. Starr.

The Ladies of the Wittenburg Lutheran Guild and a Ladies Club of Artic who have been doing Red Cross work through the Butler Chapter, turned into the work room, 11 hospital bed shirts and two suits of pajamas on Monday. As usual the work was splendidly done, and their help is much appreciated by the chapter.

Ernest Olds and family, Eli Stark and wife and Mrs. J. S. Robinett and daughter Fern took dinner Sunday at the country home of Ray Treman and wife.

OLD BEE HIVE BUILDING

One of Butler's Oldest Historic Buildings to be Torn Down —— Bits of its History —

Recently N. O. Griffin bought from the J. E. Decker estate the lot, two lots west of the Decker livery barn. On the rear of the lot near the city plant stands an old three story building known as the Old Bee Hive building.

This is one of the few buildings yet standing that is connected with the early history of the town. It was undoubtedly the first three story building erected in Butler. It originally stood on a lot east of Broadway and just south of the present residence of Morton Brown. It was built in 1858 or 1859 by William Hubble for a woolen mill. Ambright Reese conducted the business for some years. It was a carding mill for some time in which wool was prepared for spinning.

Mr. Hubble also built a grist mill and a stave mill near the woolen mill and operated them all with the same engine, running belts from the engine to the other buildings.

Jonathan Bordner ran the grist mill. Mr. Hubble, the owner, lived where Morton Brown now lives.

The grist mill and the stave mill burned down and the woolen mill, being detached from the other buildings, was saved and was afterwards moved onto the front of the lot where it now stands at the rear.

A Mr. Ward used the building for a few years in which to manufacture bee hives and that is the way it came to be known as the Bee Hive building. It was later used for various purposes,

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usually some sort of carpenter shop. I think bed springs were manufactured in the building at one time.

Mr. Griffin is now tearing the old building down to secure what usable lumber there is in it for use of his farm, and soon the Old Bee Hive building will be no more.

We are indebted to L. J. Diehl for some of this information.

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Following is the list of men in 1917 class 1 from Butler: Byron J. Diehlman, Paul Gunsenhouser, Alfred Smith, Ward M. Gunsenhouser, Myron Nodine, Roy F. Powell.

Butler Selectives Meet—

All Men in Classes, 2, 3, 4 residing in Butler Formed Organization.

The Selective Service Men of Butler in deferred classes 2, 3 and 4 were organized this week in an organization further all war work and to cooperate with the men at the front. The Selective Service men of Butler were divided into three units by wards, ward one meeting Monday evening, ward two, Tuesday evening and ward three Wednesday evening.

The following officers were elected in the different wards: Ward 1:—Frank Metz, Pres., Arthur Mutzfeld, Vice Pres., Robert D. Higley, Sec'y., Harold Shurlow, Treas. Ward 2:—Geo. Blackwell., Pres., D. A. Baker, Jr., Vice Pres., Ralph Lynch, Sec'y., Lawrence Sewell, Treas. Ward 3:—Ross Tomlinson, Pres., Allen Phelps, Vice Pres., Henry Keefer, Sec'y., Millard Stone, Treas.

All towns, cities and townships in the county are organizing and while up to this time no military training orders have been issued, it is thought that ultimately this will be the outstanding feature of the organization and the boys will be required to drill evenings in the towns in which they reside.

Elmon Vernier is quite ill at his home with typhoid fever.

Mrs. John Thiel is visiting Miss Ada Bunker at Owosso, Mich. She expects to visit relatives at Ludington, Mich., before returning.

W. H. Forest and wife and Fred Oiler, wife and son Forest of Moores spent Sunday with Otis Lautzenheiser and family.

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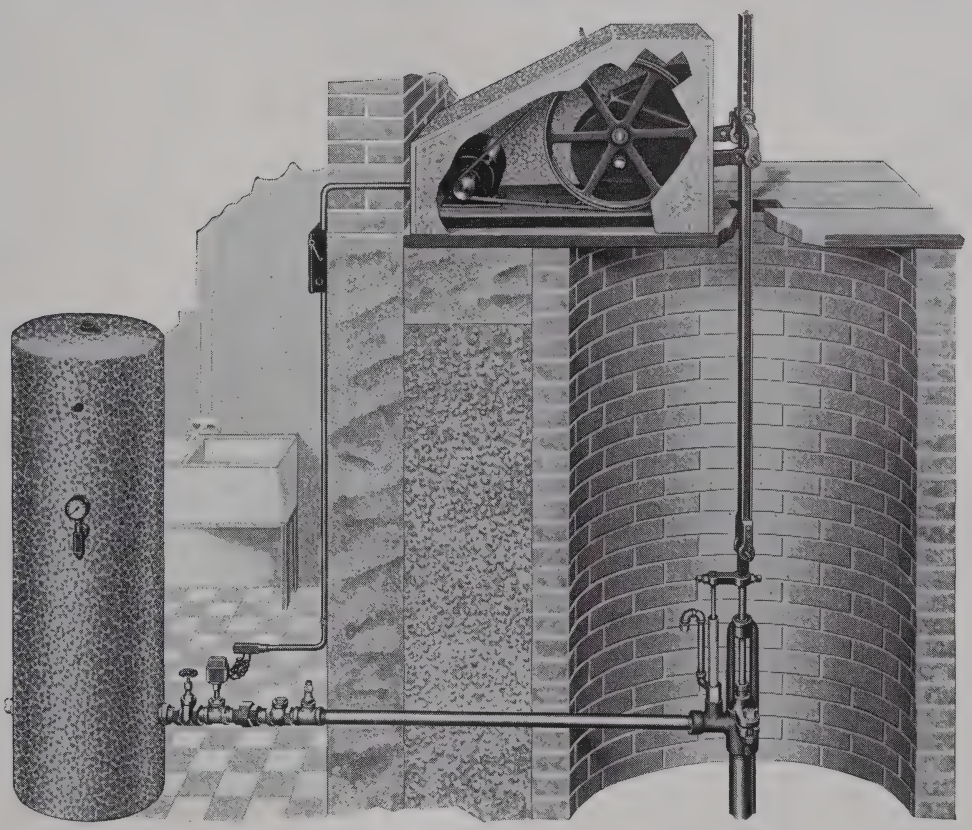

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Mrs. Richard Murch spent Monday with Shannon Shultz and wife who expect to leave soon for Ft. Wayne to spend the winter with their daughter, Mrs. Arthur Husselman.

Mrs. Frank Stage spent Wednesday at Ft. Wayne on business.

The following members of the G. O. P. Club spent Thanksgiving Day at the home of W. A. Mason and wife; J. C. Brown and wife, Thos. Rudd, and wife, T. J. Knisely and wife, J. W. Brown and wife, M. F. Long and wife, Rev. and Mrs. R. J. Burns, Mrs. Gertrude Potter and Miss Nora Brown.

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Mesdames O. T. Knisely, Levi Nelson, F. C. Mavis and E. A. Eakright spent Friday afternoon in Garrett, where they visited Mrs. George Fuller at the Sacred Heart hospital. They found her much improved and expecting to return home this week.

The O. E. S. served a delicious six o'clock dinner on Tuesday to the members of the lodge and the following candidates who were afterwards initiated into the order. Messrs. Andrew Grube, Leonard Wagoner, Willard Smurr, Willard Underhill, Harold Blaker, Carl Graf, Robert Sewell and Ralph Mutzfeld.

The class meetings of the Lutheran church met Monday at the Albert Beckley home.

Mesdames Ed Graf and O. W. Hiner spent Friday in Spencerville, the guests of Dr. B. O. Shook and family.

Miss Bessie Phelps was entertained Saturday at the home of Miss Grace Fry, near Auburn.

Box social at Mudsock No. 9 Wilmington township, Friday evening, November 11. Everybody come. Grace Ginder, teacher.

H. V. Keefer, proprietor of the Olympic restaurant will start a bus line about November 22, between Bryan, Ohio, and Waterloo. It will connect the two traction lines and looks like a successful undertaking. He will have an up-to-date bus, good seats and will ride as comfortably as a first class rail-road coach.

Increasing the Population

Born to Chancy Bryant and wife, Oct. 28, a daughter; to Glee Wynn and wife, Oct. 25, a son; to Ray Pugsley and wife, Oct. 27, a son; to Hubert Miller and wife, Oct. 26, a son; to Ray Webb and wife, Nov. 3, a daughter; Hubert Wilson and wife, Oct. 26, a son.

Millard Capp and family and Dale Higley and family spent Sunday in the country, the guests of Melvin Smurr and family.

W. P. Endicott and family and Frank Roberts and family spent Sunday afternoon in Fort Wayne.

Ralph Campbell and Bruce Blair, of Purdue University, are expected home on Armistice day.

Raymond Walterspaugh and wife, of South Bend, spent from Saturday until Monday with Arthur Kester and family.

Kenneth Cosper and Arthur Mutzfeld went to

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Mr. and Mrs. Delbert McBride were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Keller.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ball and daughter, Margaret of Hamilton, Ind., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fetter, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Oberlin and daughter, Miss Adelle, were Sunday guests of Mrs. Oberlin's sister, Mrs. Tom Amsbaugh and family at Kunkle, Ohio.

Miss Lizzie and Mr. Chas. Wickard returned Friday from a two weeks' stay with their uncle, Mr. John Barber and family at Adrian, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hatch and baby Nancy returned to their home at Jackson, Mich., Monday after a short visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hatch of Depot street.

Miss Laura Stroh, who is teaching the Hopewell school, in Jackson twp., was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Ralph Lucy over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kessler and son, Leon of Moores, Ind., were week end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Showalter.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Beard, Mrs. R. Murch, Mr. and Mrs. James Diehl and son, Wilbur, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fee, Mr. and Mrs. Brent Maxwell, and Mrs. G. W. Krontz, attended the funeral of Mrs. Sarah Ireland at Metz, Tuesday morning.

Mr. Delbert Jennings and Miss Zona Smith, both of Butler, were united in marriage at 4:30 Saturday afternoon, at the Christian church parsonage, at Auburn.

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Mr. and Mrs. Roy Michael had for Sunday guests: Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stauffer, son and daughter, Mrs. Josephine Miller, Miss Mary Swick of Fort Wayne, Mrs. Ronald Yager of Frankfort and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Keefer and family.

Mayor C. C. Cook and a number of interested citizens went before the county commissioners Tuesday and asked for a black-top street between the city and cemetery. The dust gets about four inches deep along the dirt road during the summer.

Mr. Homer Casebere and wife of Texas came Saturday for a two weeks visit with their children and other relatives.

Celebrate Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Phelps entertained his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Phelps, and the latter's twin sister, Mrs. Link Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Phelps and family of Warsaw, to Sunday dinner in honor of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Phelps. The home was decorated in yellow chrysanthemums in keeping with the occasion.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Swift, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Socrates Mountz of Troy and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brown and son Warren were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kepler at Hamilton.

Mrs. A. S. Powers spent several days last week in Edgerton, with her daughter, Mrs. V. A. Poorman.

Mr. Oscar Fuller, wife and family of Toledo spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. George Fuller, Sr.

Mr. Otis Kline of Cleveland, O., spent a few days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Kline.

Andy Diehlman has leased the Charles Husselman block and will move his bakery to the new location from the Panhuysen block.

Mr. Clarence Mountz and son Walter spent Monday at Three Rivers and Kalamazoo, Mich., on business.

Mrs. Roy Johnson spent a few days last week with her mother, Mrs. J. H. Latson at Angola, who is very critically ill.

Mr. Ray Miller and family east of Butler, spent Saturday afternoon with his mother, Mrs. Ida Miller. Miss Betty was a Sunday guest also.

Ruth Ault, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mencil Ault of north of Butler, who has been quite ill with pneumonia, is improving.

One of the delightful parties of the season was given Friday evening at the home of Miss Helen Waffle on Depot street in honor of the approaching marriage of Miss Helen Casebere and Mr. Amos Rimmel which will occur Sunday, June 18. A six o'clock dinner was served to fourteen young ladies, the table decorations being carried out with the pink and white bells. The following were guests: Misses Madeline Grube, Kathleen Creager, Dorothy Campbell, LeMoile Graf, Josephine Shaffer, Vera Michael, Marcella Powers, Helen Holman, Berneice Griffin, Loretta Schuller, Sarah Sewell of Kendallville, and the hostess, Helen Waffle and Helen Casebere.

Mr. and Mrs. William Oberlin of Butler and daughter Mrs. Veda Curtis of Fort Wayne, were Sunday guests of Mr. Oberlin's sister, Mrs. Jake Mumaw, and husband.—Edon Commercial.

Mrs. Kathryn Klinkle and son Edson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kramer on East Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Zentz, daughter Veda and son Clarence and Mrs. John Konkle spent Sunday afternoon at Rome City visiting the Gene Stratton Porter home at Sylvan Lake.

Little Clark Springer of Butler, is spending a few days with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Manion of South Franklin street and Mrs. Elizabeth Springer of South Walsh street.—Garrett Clipper.

The Messrs Walter Mutzfeld, Grant Keller, Clarence Buttermore, Eston McCague and Roy Porter spent the week-end at Chicago and attended the Century of Progress.

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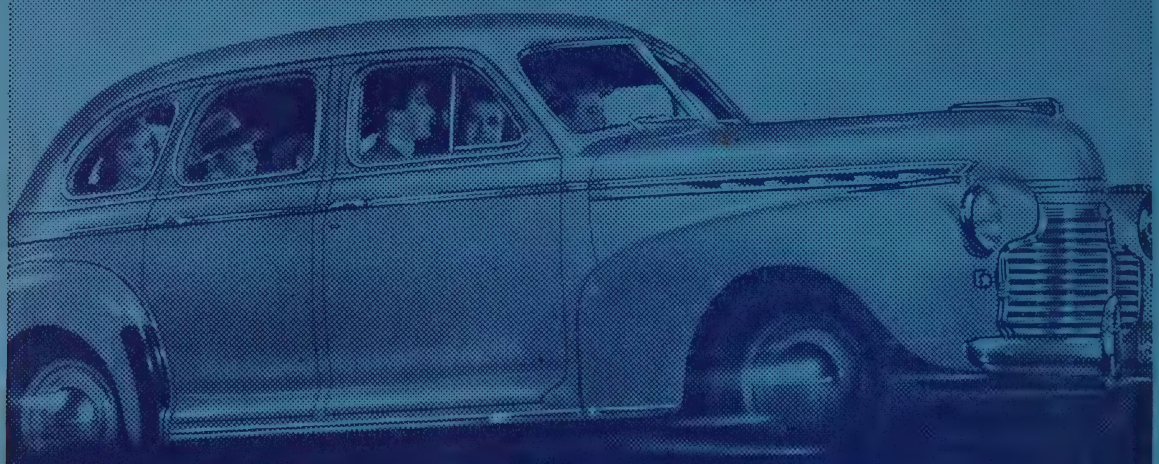

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